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OFFICIAL REPLY ON SCHOOL FEES

CUT MAY BE RESTORED

The Government will restore the ten per cent. cuts in grants to aided schools in the Colony, if the Secretary of State for the Colonies approves.

This was the substance of the official reply to Mr. M. K. Lo's questions in Legislative Council this afternoon.

The Government spokesman, Mr. N. L. Smith agreed that Mr. Lo's analysis of school cost figures was substantially correct, and added:

The Government recognizes that the local cost of educating a Chinese child is very much less than the local cost of educating a child of European race.

It is also recognized that the provided schools are very much more expensive to Government than the aided schools, which are largely staffed and financed by missions and charitable institutions.

On restoration of the cuts, reference will shortly be made to the Finance Committee.

ROYAL DUTCH CONVERSION BONDS

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Royal Dutch Petroleum Company to-day announces that it is prepared, before March 1 this year, to exchange its four per cent. dollar bonds for four per cent. gulden bonds, at a nominal value of 2,500 Dutch gulden, these being redeemable at par at any time before April 1, 1945.

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HALF MILLION AT EUCCHARIST CONGRESS

Manila, To-day.

Roman Catholics from all over the world have gathered here for the opening of the thirty-third Eucharistic Congress.

The city is crowded, every available bed in hotels, private houses, schools and clubs being occupied. There has even been an overflow to the harbour, where fifteen ocean-going liners are serving as

floating hotels.

The most important visitor is the Papal Legate, Cardinal Dougherty, who has arrived from the United States.

It is expected that a gathering of 500,000 will throng into the city's churches and open spaces on Sunday, the final day of the Congress, to receive the Pope's blessing.—Reuter.



One of Britain's modern torpedo-carrying planes carrying out her special mission during manoeuvres. This is one of the latest type craft, a Blackburn Baffin. Except in British military and air circles little is known about the performances of these machines, which are, however, regarded as a vital and important feature of any defence system against naval attack.

CORONATION TO BE FILMED IN COLOUR

London, To-day.

The Coronation celebration next May are to be filmed in colour by a British weekly news film.

Specialists in colour photography are being brought from the United States for the purpose.—Trans-Ocean.

DOLLAR LINERS TO BE SOON ON RUN

Cables received by the Dollar Line from San Francisco announce the virtual certainty of a speedy end to the maritime strike.

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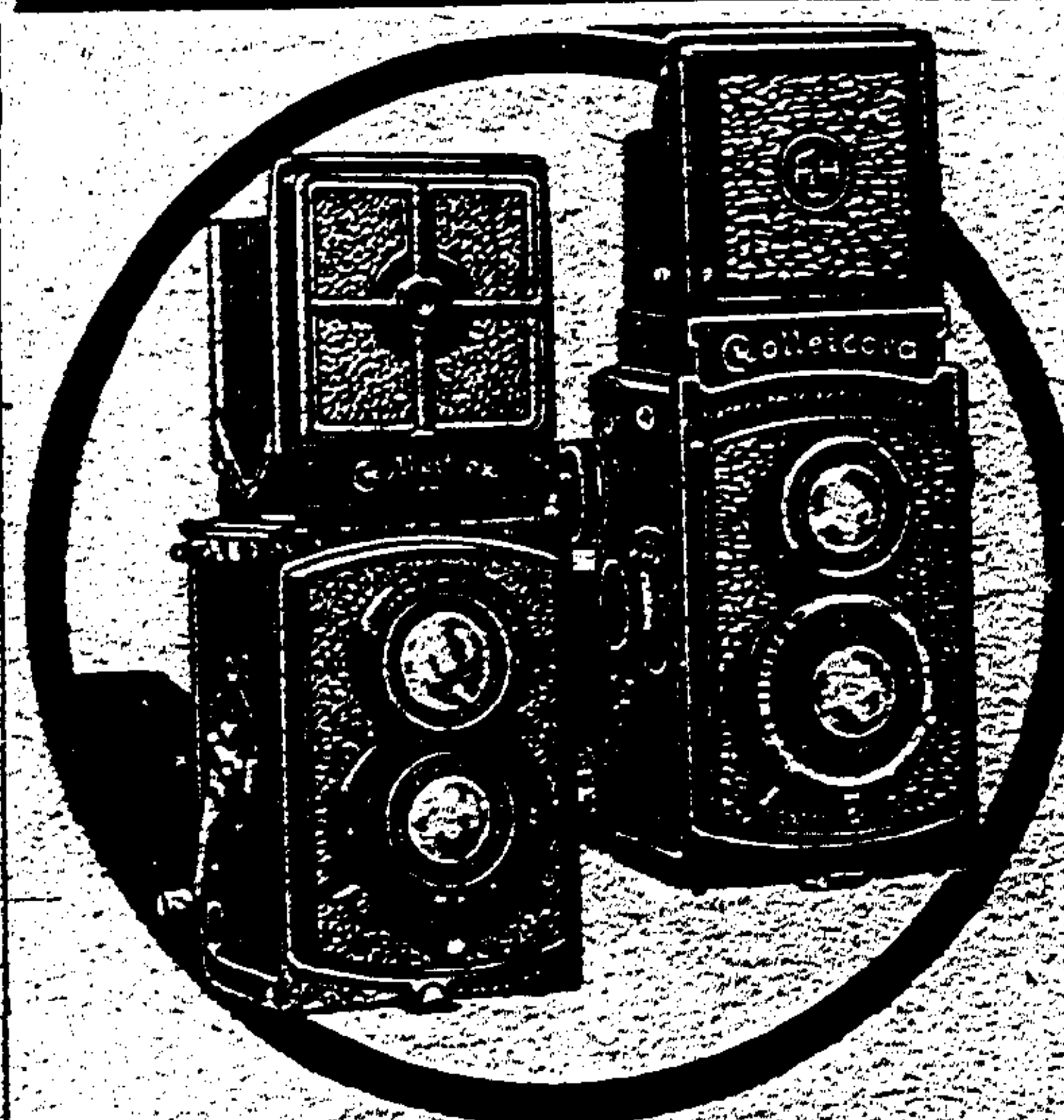
The "President Hoover" will sail from San Francisco and the "President Grant" from Seattle on their regular schedules.

The remainder of the fleet will follow on regular schedule, and the Company expects to be able to announce the definite arrival and sailing dates of Dollar steamers before the end of this week.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a moderate anti-cyclone covers S. China. The depression is situated to the south of Hokkaido moving North. A depression appears to be forming over Mongolia. Local forecast.

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RUMOURS OF GRAVE FRICTION BETWEEN RED ARMY & G.P.U.

What may well be the most serious internal crisis which Soviet Russia has undergone for many years seems to be developing following M. Stalin's order for a "purge" of the Red Army.

In spite of an almost iron censorship and an indescribable confusion of rumour and counter-rumour, news has leaked out alleging a serious conflict between the Army and the G.P.U., the Soviet secret police organisation.

The Stalinite charges of the intrusion of politics into the Army is the cause of the tension, many officers, according to a statement from the Kremlin, being "undependable from a political viewpoint."

This led Stalin to order a general "purge" of elements in the Army whose loyalty to the Soviet regime was under suspicion.

Voroshilov's Position

The names of all doubtful officers were to have been reported either to the Soviet Dictator or to the Commissar for War, General K. E. Voroshilov.

Now, reports Trans-Ocean from Warsaw, to which city scanty reports of the crisis have been smuggled; Army officers have taken the bit between their teeth and have detained a group of G.P.U. officials.

The reports hint that General Voroshilov is not only sympathetic to their action but actually took the initiative.

Generally regarded as the successor to Stalin, either when the Dictator dies or by overthrow of the present regime, General Voroshilov is popular not only with the Army he controls but with the majority of the country.

Struggle For Mastery

Special significance, therefore, attaches to speculations made by a Warsaw paper yesterday whether Stalin will go the way of Robespierre, his counterpart in the French Revolution.

It is pointed out that both men rid themselves not only of their opponents, but of their former collaborators, and following the famous Moscow trials, when Stalin disposed of all the "old guard" of the October Revolution, the suggestion is made in some quarters that the present situation may develop into a struggle for mastery between the Dictator and the Commissar for War.

STRANGE STORY OF POLITICAL MURDER

London, To-day.

It was revealed at the inquest in London yesterday on a man who had been shot in the street in broad daylight by political opponents, that during the last four years eighteen political murders have been committed without the culprit or culprits being brought to justice in a single instance.—Trans-Ocean.

The submarine H.M.S. Phoenix, which has been undergoing overhaul, left Hong Kong yesterday for Singapore to take part in the manoeuvres.



GENERAL VOROSHILOFF

HITLER'S MORE BABIES CAMPAIGN SUCCEEDS

Berlin, To-day.

Success of the Nazi Government measures to deal with the decline in population in Germany was revealed to-day when the effect of the laws passed four years ago was announced.

The laws, which were passed to encourage marriage, granted, inter alia, a special State allowance for those who desired to set up house. Now it is stated that in the four years of the Nazi regime 700,000 marriages were concluded in the Reich, the State contributing the sum of Mks. 420,000,000 in loans.

Approximately 500,000 children were born in this period by couples who had taken advantage of the State's offer.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN TRAMP SHIPPING

Hamburg Seeking Stimulation Of Industry

Hamburg, To-day.

That the condition of Germany's tramp shipping is serious and that some action for its development should be taken, is the contention of leading shipping owners in Hamburg.

Pointing to the tramp tonnage owned by Great Britain, the United States, the Netherlands and even the Soviet, it is emphasised that Germany has only a very small fraction of the tramp fleets of these nations.

The sanctioning by the House of Commons yesterday of the renewal of the annual £2,000,000 subsidy for British tramp shipping is one factor which has led to increasing agitation that something should be done in Germany.—Trans-Ocean.

CANTON "FORTIFICATIONS"

The Kwangtung Government has notified the consular body in Shantien that the Government has assigned a number of coastal strategic points which no foreigners or foreign ships or warships are allowed to visit without a permit from the Kwangtung Provincial Government.

THE WORLD GOES BY

Writing this column is not easy. In fact, to use a somewhat vulgar colloquialism, it gives me a pain in the neck. But, having started it, under compulsion be it known, I must continue in my endeavours to supply my undoubtedly large and admiring public with sparkling witticisms pounded out laboriously on a typewriter. It is assuredly a painful process trying to fill my allotted portion of the paper every day, the whole affair taxing whatever ingenuity that I have to the limit. The drawback, of course, is lack of inspiration. Artists, who as all the world knows, are entirely lacking in moral values, have the beauty of the female form for inspiration. A journalist, on the other hand, is without this aid and, writing, no matter how much a genius he is, puts him on a rack far worse than those devised by the Inquisition of old. He has to plod on in the surroundings of a newspaper office, dark and dismal places at best, where his flow of thought, if any, is interrupted by a continuous procession, from the editor, a restless individual, to small grubby boys bearing "copy."

So you can see that there are few more pitiable objects than a columnist ready to write. As a rule he is under compulsion to create something which his editor, with a silent prayer to heaven, hopes will be beautiful and immortal, or at least grammatical. He has to complete his work of art before, say, five minutes past three, an hour set by his publisher, who has no ideas beyond method. Terror grips him, lending him the appearance of a hunted fox. Occasionally he froths at the mouth and gibbers uncouth words in a foreign language. He will do anything to postpone that inevitable moment when he pushes a clean sheet of paper in his typewriter and sits staring at it with bloodshot eyes.

A favourite sanctuary with a colleague of mine in the past was the barber's chair. If all else had failed he staked everything on a hot towel and shampoo, hoping against hope that when the pores opened up something would find its way into his head besides the warm shampoo oil, hoping that he would surprise the Muse in a bottle of brilliantine. He never failed, though to what extent the shampoo effected his literary output will always remain a mystery.

But this little eccentricity of his has succeeded in one thing. It has helped me to fill half a column, leading me to the assumption that I am rather ingenious after all.

I have culled the following from "Time," that entertaining American periodical which brings so many arresting news stories into the home.

"The Koala (Australian Teddy Bear) spends its life in the branches of eucalyptus trees, eating only eucalyptus leaves of twelve varieties, drinks nothing, tries to chew if given liquid."

This reminds me, demmit, of a retired colonel of the Indian Army, whose invariable breakfast was a large whisky and soda. After years of this diet he began having whisky and soda for lunch, too, and before he disappeared one night in a flash

ANOTHER NAVY DOCKYARD MAN DISMISSED

London, To-day.

An echo was heard yesterday of the recent sensational discharge of five workers in naval dockyards, allegedly in connection with the long series of sabotage cases on British warships.

This time Devonport Dockyard was again concerned, a worker there being dismissed without being informed of the reasons for the Admiralty action.

Political quarters expect another discussion in the House of Commons over the affair, which will probably be raised by the Labour Opposition.

Cases of sabotage in the dockyards first occurred in 1933 and continued for two years before those suspected were dealt with—Trans-Ocean.

MIXED COURTS IN EGYPT

Extension For Twelve
Years Likely

Cairo, Yesterday.

Extension of the Mixed Courts in Egypt for another twelve years is envisaged here.

It is reported that the Egyptian Government will make this proposal when the Montreux Conference, of those powers directly interested in capitulations, takes place.

The decision is the outcome of further negotiations on the question between the British and Egyptian Government.

Apart from the powers directly interested, Germany, Austria, Hungary and several other States are to be invited to take part in the Montreux Conference. — Trans-Ocean.

TEXTILE INDUSTRY INQUIRY

London, To-day.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour, Colonel Muirhead, will represent the British Government at the preparatory tripartite conference to consider conditions of work in textile industry which is to be held at Washington under auspices of League International Labour Organisation. — British Wireless.

GERMAN FLIGHT FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Nairobi, Yesterday.

Herr Rosemeyer, the German racing motorist, and his wife, the long-distance aviatrice, Elli Reinhorn, arrived here yesterday on their way back to Germany from South Africa.

The famous couple, are flying their own plane. — Trans-Ocean.

of flame and a cloud of smoke was taking whisky and soda for tea and dinner. Before the disappearance, however, friends had reminded him that it was necessary to eat in order to live.

After that the gallant colonel, never at a loss in any situation, had had his whisky and soda poured into a plate, and ate it with a spoon, pretending it was soup.

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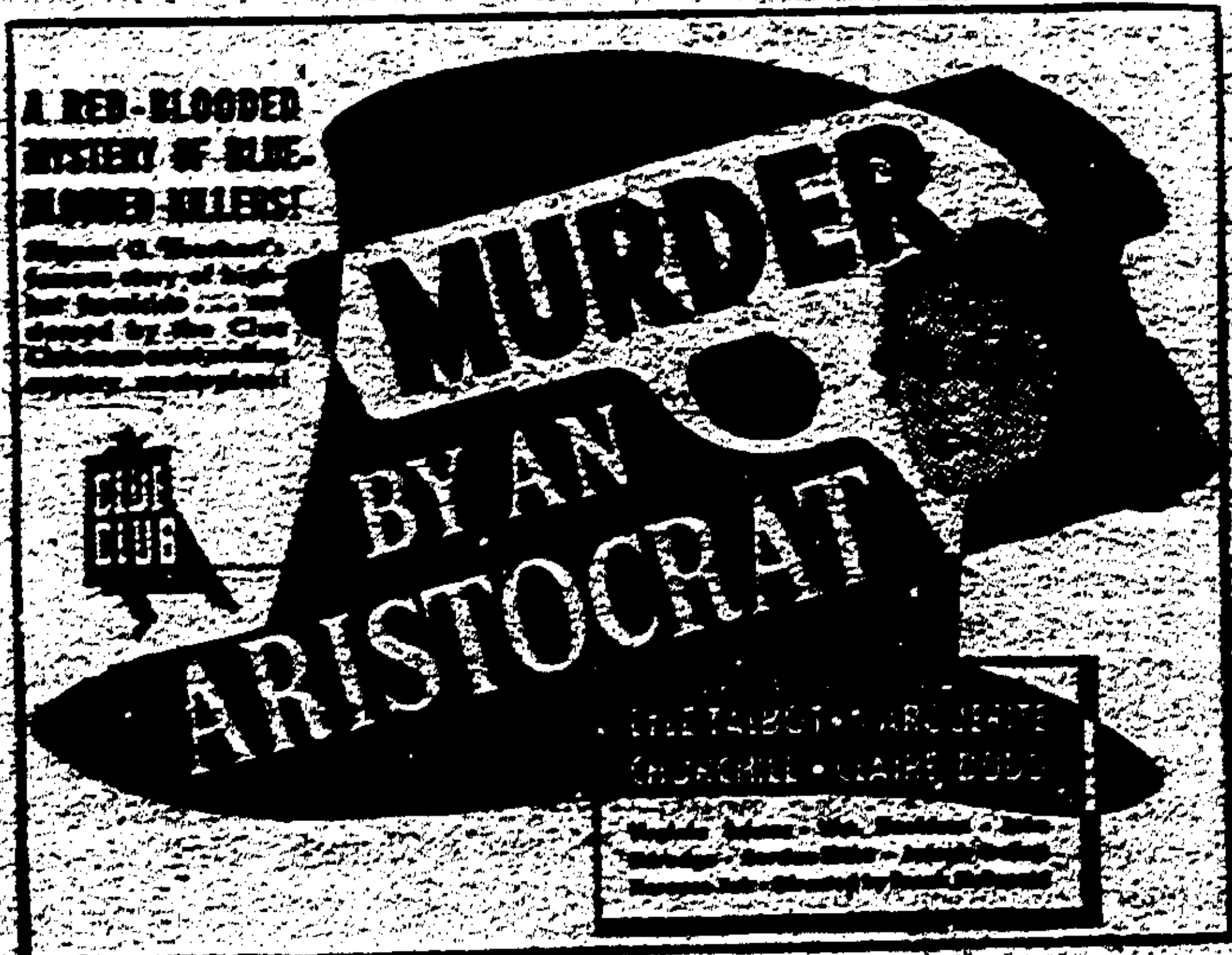
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WILHELMSTRASSE AND GERMANS ABROAD

SUPERVISORY SYSTEM UNDER A SPECIAL DEPARTMENT

Berlin, To-day.

A special department of the Foreign Office has been established for supervising German living abroad.

The head of the foreign organisation of the Nazi Party has been appointed head of the new department and will work directly under the Foreign Minister.

He will also participate in Cabinet meetings whenever questions concerning Germans abroad are deliberated, says Reuter.

Trans-Ocean adds that the new post will be filled by the Nazi regional leader, Herr Ernst Wilhelm Bohle, and states that the political relations of the Nazi Party abroad will henceforth be carried out through German diplomatic representatives.

FIELD OF INTEREST

It also signifies the expansion of the field of interest covered by the organisation for Germans abroad, since the regulations

which formerly applied only to Nazi Party members abroad, will now be applied to every German subject living in a foreign country.

It is again emphasised in Berlin that the fundamental laws prescribed by the organisation for all Germans abroad require them to remain free of any interference in the political affairs of the country in which they are living.

A concert in aid of the Building fund of Christ Church, Kowloon, will be given by the Hong Kong Chinese Choral Society at St. Andrew's Church Hall to-day at 9 p.m. The cost of admission is \$2.00.

The A.S. "Carthage" is now expected to arrive with Home mails at 6 p.m. on Wednesday and to sail for Shanghai and Japan at 6 p.m. on Thursday.

ACCIDENT OFF BOCCA FORT CUSTOMS MAN DROWNED

One more member of the Chinese Customs has met with a tragic death while in the execution of his duty.

Following the shocking shooting of Capt. Campbell a short while ago, Mr. Chan U. Kun, Assistant Tide Surveyor at Canton, was drowned on Monday morning while carrying out a routine inspection of the China Merchants s.s. Hai Li.

It appears that a party of Customs officers put out in a small gig off the Bocca Tigris Forts and while manoeuvring into position preparatory to boarding, the small craft was capsized in the swift-running current and all the occupants were precipitated into the water.

The crew of the Hai Li lowered a boat without any delay and succeeded in rescuing all but the unfortunate Tide Surveyor, who disappeared rapidly and was washed away.

Up to a late hour last night, the body had not been recovered.

POLL TAX FOR ARMAMENTS

Turkish Government Decree

Ankara, To-day.

A tax of fourpence a month on every Turkish citizen is envisaged in an effort to help Turkey in her air re-arming campaign.

It is estimated that such a tax would amount to 90,000 Turkish pounds a month, which would enable the buying of ten or twelve aeroplanes each year.—Trans-Ocean.

ALLEGED SOVIET SPIES ARRESTED

Helsinki (Finland), To-day.

Two arrests have been made here recently on charges of espionage on behalf of the Soviet.

One of the men, Karl Teimann, who is said to be an Estonian, was seized when he was about to cross the frontier into Russia after having erected a short-wave wireless transmitter in Viborg.

The other man is believed to be a Red Army officer. He was arrested in Tornea and has been charged with conducting espionage work in Finland.—Trans-Ocean.

Fifty fitters employed by the Salford Transport Dept. started the first "stay-in" strike in the Manchester district, which lasted one day.

NAVY OFFICER TO MERCANTILE OFFERS

Commissions In New Vessels

London, To-day.

An offer to British Merchant Marine officers of commissions as first or second lieutenants in the Navy or the Fleet air arm has been made by the Admiralty.

The action follows the need for personnel owing to the British re-arming programme.—Trans-Ocean.

SHIPYARDS A HIVE OF INDUSTRY

Three New Clyde Contracts

London, To-day.

February has started well for Clyde shipyards with the announcement of three new contracts.

Denny Brothers of Dumbarton have been commissioned to build two 4,000-ton cargo liners for the Henderson Line of Glasgow and the Mourse Line have instructed Connell, of Scotstoun, to build a motor liner of 9,200 tons deadweight.

Six months ago, the Scotstoun yard was without a keel a position which had obtained for over six years, but work on five vessels is now being commenced.—British Wireless.

NON-INTERVENTION COMMITTEE

London, To-day.

The twenty-fourth meeting of the chairman's sub-committee of the International Non-intervention Committee was held at the Foreign Office yesterday.

The sub-committee considered a number of questions which would require to be settled by the participating Governments immediately they agreed to adopt the proposed scheme for supervision of the land and sea frontiers of Spain and the Spanish dependencies in order to bring that scheme into immediate operation.

A further meeting of the committee will be held shortly.—British Wireless.

MOSCOW PAYS ITS GENEVA DUES

At Least The First Instalment

Moscow, To-day.

The Soviet Government has forwarded the sum of 500,000 gold roubles to the League of Nations Secretariat as the first instalment on its membership fee. The final instalment is to be paid in July.—Trans-Ocean.

GETTING MEN FIT FOR ARMY

Recently, as an experiment, number of applicants who failed to pass a medical examination for the army, were given a period of physical training during which attention was given to their nutrition.

To-day, the War Secretary informed the Commons that the experiment had proved successful and its practical application on a larger scale was under consideration.—British Wireless.

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12.30—A Military Band Concert.
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03—The Orchestre Raymonde.
1.30—Reuter Press, Rugby Press; Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.
1.40—Raie da Costa, Memories.
2 p.m.—Vocal Gems.
2.15—Close Down.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-11 p.m.—European Programme.
7 p.m.—The Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.
"Parsefal"—Symphonic Synthesis from Act 3, (Wagner, arr. Stokowski).
Danse Macabre, Op. 40 (Saint-Saens).
Yablochko—Russian Sailors' Dance (from "The Red Poppy Ballet").
7.30—Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.35—Two Songs by Connie Boswell. On the Beach at Bali—Bali. I met my Waterloo.
7.40—From the Studio.
Hawaiian Music by The Waikiki Trio.
1. I want to learn to speak Hawaiian.
2. Hawaiian Sunset.

3. Forward Kamehameha.
4. My Hawaiian Isles.
5. My Jane.
8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03—"The Voice of Inexperience." A humorous monologue by Oliver Wakefield.
8.10—From the Studio.
Piano Synchroton by Pomping Villa.
1. Is it true what they say about Dixie?
2. Blues Serenade.
3. Sweet Sue.
4. Sheik of Araby.
5. Lady be good.
6. You.
7. Always.
8.30 p.m.—The Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.
Largo (Handel).
Le Prophete—Coronation March (Meyerbeer).
The two imps (Alford).
Three dances from Nell Gwyn, (German).
1. Country Dance.
2. Pastoral Dance.
3. Merry-makers' Dance.
Carlsbad Doll Dance (Fleier).
8.55—London—News and Announcements.

9.15—A Concert.
Pianoforte Solo—
Polonaise No. 6 in A-Flat Major, Op. 53 (Chopin).
Arthur Rubinstein.
Tenor Solos—
"Meistersinger"—Preislied (Prize Song), (Wagner).
"Lohengrin"—In Fernem Land (Lohengrin's narrative, In Distant Lands), (Wagner).
Richard Crooks.
Violin Solos—
"Thais"—Meditation (Massenet).
Tambourin Chinois, Op. 3 (Kreisler).
Fritz Kreisler.
Soprano Solos—
"Jeanne d'Arc"—Farewell, Ye Mountains (Tchaikowsky).
"Herodiade"—He is kind, he is good (Massenet).
Maria Jeritza.
Pianoforte Solo—
Polonaise—Fantaisie No. 7 in A

Flat Major, Op. 61 (Chopin).
Arthur Rubinstein.
Bass-Baritone Solo—
Bedouin Love Song (Pinsuti).
Peter Dawson.
10 p.m.—London—Big Ben.
Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—
Life is empty without love.
Man of my dreams.
I'll never let you go.
I'm one step ahead of my shadow.
Quickstep—
No words nor anything.
Sky high honeymoon.
Tango—Chavelito.
Fox-Trot—
Drop in next time you're passing.
Unbelievable.
One rainy afternoon.
Me and the moon.
10.35—London—"I Was There":
"Fossicking for Gold in Western Australia, 1889-1894." A talk by E. H. Adlington. (Electrical Recording).
10.50—Viennese Waltzes.
Viennese Memories of Lehar (arr. Henry Hall), played by Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
11 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

An Expert's Conceit

It has been said that bridge experts are among the most conceited people on earth, and as long as I am permitted to make an exception of myself, my wife, and one or two of my closest associates I am more than willing to subscribe to this sentiment. Countless anecdotes have been told to illustrate and testify to the above thesis, whereas I have yet to hear one in which an expert filled the role of a modest violet. But a far better illustration than any anecdote is the fact that many experts categorically refuse to avail themselves of proved bidding devices. The inference is all too clear that their conceit drives them to accept improper contracts arrived at "under their own power," so to speak, rather than proper contracts reached through the medium of a convention not invented by themselves. It must not be thought that they object to conventions generally. The real point is that they cannot bear to admit that their own transcendent bidding is not as effective. To-day's hand is a case in point.

North, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—A Q 8 2

H.—A 9 6 5 3

D.—8

C.—A Q 7

WEST

S.—K

H.—K Q 8 4

D.—Q J 10 6 5

C.—10 5 4

EAST

S.—J 5

H.—10 7 2

D.—K 7 4 3

C.—J 8 6 2

SOUTH

S.—10 9 7 6 4 3

H.—J

D.—A 9 2

C.—K 9 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 heart	Pass	1 spade	Pass
4 spades	Pass	Pass	Pass

Obviously, there was nothing to the play. The king of trumps dropping, the hand was laid down for seven, and then the following dialogue took place.

North (bitterly): "Well, I suppose you're satisfied! Maybe I can have my way from now on about using asking bids. I'll admit we shouldn't have reached seven, but six certainly was a cinch."

South (defensively blustering): "O, yeah? Well, suppose you tell me just how we would get there with asking bids."

North: "As I said before, a cinch. The first two bids would have been the same, but, after your one spade response, I could have found out about slam possibilities without jeopardizing the game. All I had to do was bid four clubs. With second round club control and the ace of diamonds you would have answered with four diamonds. Now it would be just a question of locating losing hearts, and I could have found this out with a bid of four hearts. Also, kindly notice I still am within the four spade range. If you had no heart control you'd have to sign off in four spades, but since you had second round control you'd answer four no trump. Then, with the assurance that there were no losing tricks in any side suit, I could bid six spades and be certain of an excellent chance to make it, even if you had only five spades to the ten spot."

South: "Well, I'll admit that this hand would have worked well with asking bids, but I don't see why we couldn't get there without them. Why didn't you bid three clubs as an artificial forcing bid over my one spade?"

North: "I considered that, but I could see it wouldn't do me any good. Suppose I had bid three clubs. No matter what your response might be, I would have to bid four spades over it. Suppose you'd had such a hand as the king-jack-ten five times in spades, the king-queen-jack of diamonds, the king-jack-ten of clubs, with two little hearts. Do you mean to say that any power on earth would have stopped you bidding for a slam? And with that hand we couldn't even have had a play for it, since we'd be off the diamond ace and a heart."

South: "Well, I considered bidding again over your four spade bid. The only thing was, my spade suit was so punk and I didn't know that the singleton of your bid was going to be valuable."

North: "That's just it! The way we had to bid it, neither of us knew."

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Without Orders", with Sally Eilers, Vinton Haworth, Robert Armstrong and Walter Miller. The theme revolves around the responsibility of pilots in modern air transport companies.

AT THE KING'S—"Born To Dance", with Eleanor Powell, James Stewart and Virginia Bruce. An amusing and light-hearted tale of a small town girl who goes to a big city and falls in love with a navy man. Brimming with laughter and music and topped by the sensational dancing of Eleanor Powell. Brightest bit is a parody of the eccentricities of famous conductors of orchestra.

AT THE STAR—"Without Regrets", with Elissa Landi, Paul Cavanagh, Frances Drake and Kent Taylor. A story of a woman torn between two loves.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Many Happy Returns", with George Burns and Gracie Allen. The goofiest and maddest of their comedies.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Nevada", with Buster Crabbe, Kathleen Burke, Monte Blue and Raymond Hatton. Spectacular horsemanship, broncobusting, cattle-roping and the stampede of five thousand steers are the high lights in this Zane Grey melodrama.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Big Broadcast Of 1937", with Jack Benny, George Burns, Gracie Allen, Bob Burns, Benny Fields, Martha Raye, Benny Goodman and his Orchestra. One of the greatest cast of radio celebrities ever assembled. Gorgeously crazy humour.

COMING FILMS

"Down The Stretch", with Patricia Ellis, Mickey Rooney and Dennis Moore. A thrilling horse-racing film. Coming to the King's.

"Hearts Divided", with Marlon Davies, Dick Powell, Claude Rains, Charles Ruggles, and Edward Everett Horton. Prince Jerome Bonaparte defies his brother, the Emperor Napoleon, for the love of his Baltimore sweetheart, Betty Patterson. Coming to the King's.

"Gold Diggers Of 1937", with Dick Powell, Joan Blondell, Victor Moore, Glenda Farrell and Lee Dixon. Coming to the King's Theatre.

"Atlantic Adventure", with Nancy Carroll, Lloyd Nolan, and Harry Langdon. The exciting Columbia drama which concerns itself with a fast talking reporter's attempts to solve a half-million-dollar jewel robbery in mid-Atlantic. Coming to the Alhambra Theatre.

"Magnificent Brute", with Victor McLaglen, Binnie Barnes, Jean Dixon, William Hall, Ann Preston, Henry Armetta and Edward Norris. A battle of might against right in the love of two blondes for a strong man who had a weakness for beauty. Coming to the Alhambra Theatre.

"Three Smart Girls", with Binnie Barnes, Alice Brady, Ray Milland and Charles Winninger. The adventures of three lovely daughters of a rich New Yorker who smash their father's romance with a fortune-hunting blonde provide the amusing theme for this picture.

"As You Like It", with Elizabeth Bergner, Laurence Olivier, Sophie Stewart and Henry Ainley. Shakespeare's immortal comedy faithfully reproduced on the screen.

"No More Ladies", with Joan Crawford, and Robert Montgomery. An uproarious comedy with strong underlying drama of the tactics used by a modern woman to retain the husband she loves.



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LAPPING LIP OF LEVEE

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
FEARS FOR THE SAFETY OF CAIRO, ILLINOIS, HAVE AGAIN BEEN AROUSED BY NEWS FROM THE STRICKEN CITY THAT THE SWOLLEN RIVER WATERS HAVE NEARLY REACHED THE BRIM OF THE SEA WALL.

THE FLOOD WATERS ARE THEREFORE LITERALLY HIGHER THAN THE CITY'S ROOF-TOPS.

If the embankments succeed in holding the river's impending crest it will be a happy augury for the remainder of the Mississippi Valley.

Nearly 1,000,000 have been forced to evacuate their homes, state the Federal Flood Commission which has started its survey of the flood areas at Memphis, Tennessee. This is the greatest number of refugees in any disaster in the country's history.

Meanwhile President Roosevelt is acting with typical energy.

His latest step is to invoke the emergency regulation permitting the duty-free importation of foreign donations of food, medical and other supplies to relieve the food sufferers.—Reuter.

U.S. SEAMEN'S STRIKE NEARS END

BLUM CALM UNDER PLOT ALLEGATIONS

"Military Action" Said
Menacing Paris

Paris, To-day.

An attack was launched in the Senate yesterday against the Blum Government by the Right Wing Senator, M. Gauthier, who informed the Government that a Communist plot against the safety of the State was imminent of development.

The Senator claimed that for a week he had been in possession of full details of the plot, which was a direct contravention of the Franco-Soviet Treaty.

The Communists, he alleged, planned military action in Paris, under orders from the Soviet Government.

M. Leon Blum, replying to the attack, said that public order in France was not in a disturbed state.—Trans-Ocean.

SHIP ON FIRE IN MARSEILLES

Paris, To-day.

Fire has broken out on the steam-harbour. The cause of the fire is either "Navarre," lying in Marseilles not known.

The ship had been chartered from a French company by the Valencia Government.—Trans-Ocean.

Severe Floods In Palestine

Jerusalem, To-day.

Palestine is the latest country suffering from floods.

Recent rains have swollen the rivers and many villages have been inundated. Traffic between Jerusalem and Beersheba has been suspended owing to parts of the road having been submerged and a bridge washed away.—Reuter.

RETURN OF COLONIES URGED

Paris, To-day.

The return of former German colonies now under French mandate is advocated by M. Gustave Herve, the well-known publicist, writing in "La Victoire," a publication of which he is director.

M. Herve says that some proof is needed of France's good neighbourly relations with Germany.

France, he states, would not have to humiliate herself by returning the colonies taken from Germany under the pretext that the Reich did not deserve to possess them.

France has an opportunity of taking the initiative which lead to further relaxation of the tension in Europe.—Trans-Ocean.

San Francisco, To-day.

The maritime strikers who have entirely paralysed American shipping for several months, are reported to be voting overwhelmingly in favour of acceptance of the terms of settlement, according to a Union spokesman.

Shipping offices are busy booking passengers and freight on the assumption that sailings will be resumed on Friday or Saturday.—Reuter.

WILLING TO TALK WHEN

Flint, To-day.

A statement that General Motors were willing to open negotiations with the Automobile Workers' Union as soon as the sit-down strikers had evacuated the factories, was made by Mr. Knuden, Vice-President of the Corporation, to-day.—Reuter.

WHITE SLAVERY IN FAR EAST

FIRST REPORT BY LEAGUE ON THE
BANDOENG CONFERENCE

Geneva, To-day.

White slavery is the main point in a report published to-day by the League of Nations from the East Asiatic Central Committee which is now meeting in Java.

The British Empire, the United States, France, China, India, Japan, the Netherlands, Portugal, and Siam are represented on the committee, which is working upon the basis established by the League

Commission which investigated conditions in the Far East in 1930 to 1931.

The report states that the white slave-trade is still carried on to a considerable extent, the largest percentage of victims being in the traffic in European women to the Orient, though this has been decreasing steadily.—Trans-Ocean.

Mr. R. A. C. North is representing Hong Kong at the Conference.

FRANCE SPEEDING UP BIG-SCALE REARMAMENT

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT FRANCE IS CONSIDERABLY INCREASING HER ARMAMENTS EXPENDITURE WAS MADE BY THE MINISTER FOR WAR, M. EDOUARD DALADIER, DURING THE DEBATE ON DEFENCE IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES YESTERDAY.

M. Daladier emphasised that France desired peace above everything and in accordance with this policy was prepared to consider any measure that promised the limitation of armaments.

The general rearmament of Europe, however, forced France to look to her defences.

EXTENSION OF MAGINOT LINE

The Minister revealed that France had at present between 500,000 and 600,000 soldiers, which in his opinion was insufficient.

He would therefore create a corps of 15,000 specialists for service in defence works, as well as the institution of training for youths in preparation for military service and the organisation of industry on a war basis.

FOUR-YEAR SCHEME

M. Daladier announced that he had demanded a vote of nineteen milliard francs for armaments, this expenditure to be spread over a period of four years. The Cabinet, he added, had signified its approval.

Since an army of 600,000 was inadequate for national defence, the striking power of the French Army would be increased by the creation of armoured car divisions, one light car division already being in existence.

MAGINOT LINE

M. Daladier also demanded that the frontier defences, known as the "Maginot Line," be extended in both directions, to Dunkerque on the Belgian coast and to Basle, in the South.

He declared that owing to the industrial troubles the plans of the Army had been retarded by three months, but declared that the State-owned armament works had not gone on strike but had shown an increased output.

Concluding his speech, the War Minister announced that the armaments firm of Schneider-Creusot, at present privately owned, was to be taken over by the Government.—Trans-Ocean.

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

Paris, To-day.

A vote of confidence in the Blum Government was passed by the Chamber of Deputies yesterday by 505 votes to 186.—Trans-Ocean.

Sir Eric Phipps For Paris

London, To-day.

Sir Eric Phipps, at present British Ambassador to Berlin, has been appointed Ambassador to Paris.

He succeeds Sir George Clerk, who is retiring in a few months.—Reuter.

BRIGHTER ARMY AS WELL AS BIGGER?

New Uniforms For
Coronation

London, To-day.

New green and blue uniforms will be issued to troops of the regular and Territorial armies taking part in the Coronation parade in London.

In making this announcement at question time in the House of Commons, the Secretary for War said no decision had been reached regarding the general distribution of new uniforms.—British Wireless.

CAPE FLIGHT ABANDONED

London, To-day.

Flying Officer David Llewellyn, who left Croydon this morning on an attempt to set up a new England-Cape record in a Percival Vega-Gull machine, abandoned the flight at Marseilles on account of adverse weather reports.

He is returning to England and will renew his attempt as soon as a suitable opportunity occurs.—British Wireless.

EXCHEQUER DEFICIT

London, To-day.

Exchequer returns show that total ordinary revenue amounts to £565,174,741, compared with £556,566,538 at the corresponding date last year. Total ordinary expenditure is £642,786,995, compared with £616,825,518 at the corresponding date of 1936.—British Wireless.

M. LITVINOFF RECALLED

Startling Rumours Created By Moscow Purge WILL FAMOUS DIPLOMAT BE PUT ON TRIAL?

M. Maxim Litvinoff, the popular and clever Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, may be seen no more in the councils of the nations.

He has been suddenly recalled to Moscow from Geneva, where he was attending the League Council meeting, and, in view of the fact that his name was mentioned several times in the recent mass trial, it is considered that his fate is already sealed.

Simultaneously with this bombshell comes news of the spread of unrest in the industrial districts, where G.P.U. agents are active in ferreting out anti-Stalinists.

First news of M. Litvinoff's recall was released in Warsaw, where the Soviet Minister spent Sunday with the Russian Ministers to Poland and Germany.

His wife, who is known to have maintained close relations with Karl Radek and Gregory Sokolnikoff, has already been placed under close observation by G. P. U. agents.

HOUSE SEARCH

Her house has been searched and she is forced to remain indoors under guard. Sokolnikoff's wife is reported to have been exiled to Solovki Island.

It is also said that M. Litvinoff, during his many journeys to Geneva, took the opportunity to hold several meetings with Leon Trotsky's representatives in Paris.

London Embassy Denial

London, To-day.

Widely circulated reports to the effect that the wife of the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Maxim Litvinoff, has been placed under house arrest by the G.P.U. and her house searched, are characterised by the Soviet Embassy here as "fantastic" and without foundation of any kind.—Trans-Ocean.

Soviet press reports, declaring that his fate is already sealed, and that he will probably face the judges with Rykoff and Bucharin in the next mass trial.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

The English papers yesterday carried columns of news from their correspondents in Moscow and Warsaw, confirming other reports that further developments can be expected.

The "Daily Telegraph" learns that about 100 persons have been incriminated by the "confessions" of the defendants in the last Trotsky trial.

It is believed that they have all been arrested but it is not known whether they will be publicly tried. A far larger number, however, have been arrested in the "purge" ordered by Stalin.

NEW INDICTMENTS?

The "Daily Herald" states that Karl Radek and Sokolnikoff may be indicted once more on the basis

of new evidence, together with Bucharin, Rykoff and other members of the alleged Trotsky group.

An extensive propaganda campaign against the Stalin Government is being carried out in industrial cities, where discontent is rapidly growing, according to reports received in Warsaw.

G. P. U. agents have therefore started another "purge," which has been extended to village farming communities, where there have been increasing disturbances during the past weeks owing to bread and grain shortage.—Trans-Ocean.

ROSE-COLOURED SPECTACLES?

London, To-day.

The progress of the British spectacle lens industry was commented on by the Health Minister this afternoon, opening an exhibition of ophthalmic goods in London.

Improved types of lenses had been introduced by British manufacturers and the output had so increased that at the present time probably only twenty-five per cent. of the home requirements were imported.

It is estimated that the numbers of workers in the industry have doubled since 1921. During 1934 British manufacturers produced some 553,000 spectacles compared with 478,000 in 1930.—British Wireless.

FRENCH POWER IN AIR PROCLAIMED

Paris, To-day.

The French air arm is equal to any in the world except that of the Soviet, declared the Minister for Air, M. Pierre Cot, during the discussion on national defence in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday.

Admitting that in a few fields, such as that of heavy oil motors, France was behind certain other countries, M. Cot asserted that there is nevertheless no doubt but that the French air force is one of the strongest and best equipped in the world.

The Minister denied the accu-



M. LITVINOFF

NAZI PARTY NOT OPEN TO UNLIMITED MEMBERSHIP

Berlin, To-day.

The recent announcement by Chancellor Hitler that the ban on new members in the Nazi Party would be lifted shortly does not mean that there will be unlimited admittance into the Party.

It is believed that only such persons will be admitted who have rendered special service to the Nazi cause, especially those connected with the various organisations affiliated with the Party.

It is not expected that a general appeal to special classes or the professions to join the Party will be made.

The ban on membership had been in effect since May 1, 1933.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH SYMPATHY IN FLOOD DISASTER

London, To-day.

The King and Queen have sent a message to President Roosevelt expressing sympathy with him and the American people in connexion with the serious situation arising from the Mississippi floods.

A similar message has been sent through the British Ambassador in Washington to behalf of the British Government.—British Wireless.

JAPANESE ARMY NOW READY TO SEIZE POWER SAYS MOSCOW

Moscow, To-day.

Japan will shortly have a military dictatorship and her aggressive policy toward China will be renewed, according to articles appearing in the Soviet press.

Most papers regard the change of Cabinet as being merely in the nature of a solution devised for a purely transitional period.

It is possible, they state, for General Hayashi's Cabinet to be replaced by a military dictatorship whenever it suits the Army authorities to launch out in this direction.

Carrying the argument a stage further, the press states that all hope of conclusion of a Soviet-Japanese non-aggression pact can be abandoned.—Trans-Ocean.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Yokohama yesterday, is due at Vancouver on February 14, leaves on the 20th and is due at Hong Kong on March 12.



A Case For Baby's Own Tablets

Feverish, headachy, peevish, disinclined to play—almost every child is like this at times. The trouble is most often caused by some temporary derangement in the stomach or bowels which can generally quickly be corrected with a dose of Baby's Own Tablets, the medicine specially devised by a medical child specialist for the treatment of little children's health troubles.

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ROUND THIS QUEER WORLD

KISSES WITH A KICK ARE
THE VERY LATEST

IT MAY BE CLARET OR PORT

Kisses with a kick in them are the latest craze in Russia. Lipstick has been invented which can be flavoured with alcohol—anything from champagne to claret cup, vodka to old and fruity port.

Moscow maidens are saying, "Have this one with me," and a staid Soviet newspaper says "Intoxicating kisses will now become an actual fact, not a mere form of expression."

"x x x" at the bottom of a letter may mean love and kisses, but young Russia now interprets the symbol as three quick ones.

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This Is Good, Too!

But Lieutenant Herbert Thatcher, of San Antonio, Texas, has just had an experience that made him giddier than a couple of hours spent in the company of a Soviet beauty chorus.

He got into a steep turn while flying, and then his joystick jammed. The machine wouldn't go up or down. It just went round and round.

After chasing his tail till he saw six suns, the lieutenant decided to risk his parachute. He landed safely.

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A Queer Husband

Queer people, Captain and Mrs. Agnes Foss, of New York. Before the Captain left on a polar trip he promised his wife that she should talk to him every day.

To-day, he is somewhere near the North Pole, and over the radio comes homely advice from home. "You wear your warmest wollies, dear, if it's cold."

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Hard, Hard Labour

Authorities of Santa Cruz believe that criminals should be given time to think over their misdeeds.

Total sentence of 570 years has just been meted out to a family of four popular brigands in Santa Cruz; and between ourselves, it was a bit of dirty work.

The leader surrendered, but his sons remained at large.

CONCENTRATION
CAMPS IN CUBASequel To Recent
Labour Laws

Havana, To-day.

Concentration camps are being constructed in Cuba, according to a Government announcement, to contain 40,000 Jamaican labourers who are awaiting deportation under the new Native Labour Laws.

It is planned to repatriate the labourers, who have been working in the Cuban sugar cane plantations, in naval transports at the rate of one thousand at a time. —Reuter.

GENERALISSIMO BOUND
FOR NANKING

Shanghai, To-day.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek left Fenghua for Hangchow yesterday morning, with Madame Chiang, en route to Nanking. —Our Own Correspondent.

First Results In
India Elections

London, To-day.

Figures are now available of the first results in the provincial council elections in India.

In Bengal, where it was a question of electing 200 members to the Bengal Parliament, the Congress Party obtained 54 seats, while the All-India Mohammedan League obtained 40, European 25, the Anglo-Indians 4 and Independents, 89 seats. —Trans-Ocean.

He was given an interview with the President, patted on the back, and told that if his sons also surrendered they should have a square deal at the trial.

Boasting of his friendship with the President, the bandit returned to his sons that with his influence in presidential quarters they could be sure of a square deal at the trial.

The got it. Also a square cell, for 570 years. And Pop's with them.

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Just Claimed

In Napoleon Bonaparte's days, before the big boom Uncle Sam had a few cents to spare, and bought 13,000 acres of rugged mountain land in Colorado (where the beetles come from) for a penny-halfpenny an acre from Napoleon himself.

Possession has just been formally claimed in a ceremony at which the Stars and Stripes were unfurled by Governor Edward C. Johnson, of Colorado State.

Only fly in the ointment is that the hundreds of settlers wish Uncle Sam had put in the bailiff 130 years ago. They demand technical recognition of their own ownership.

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"De-Waving" The Sea

A Russian scientist has invented a method of smoothing out the waves of the sea. It may be applied to seaplane harbours, for reducing the difficulties of taking off and alighting in rough weather.

The invention consists of a series

of parallel pipes carrying compressed air, and sunk to a depth of about 30 ft. Each pipe is perforated with small holes several inches apart. When a wave passes over them the jets of air released through the perforations, it is claimed, smooth the water surface. With the aid of strong columns of compressed air a large wave could be levelled.

Tests at Sebastopol are reported to have shown that waves three or four feet high could be reduced in force and height by 40 per cent. The "crests" were completely smoothed out.

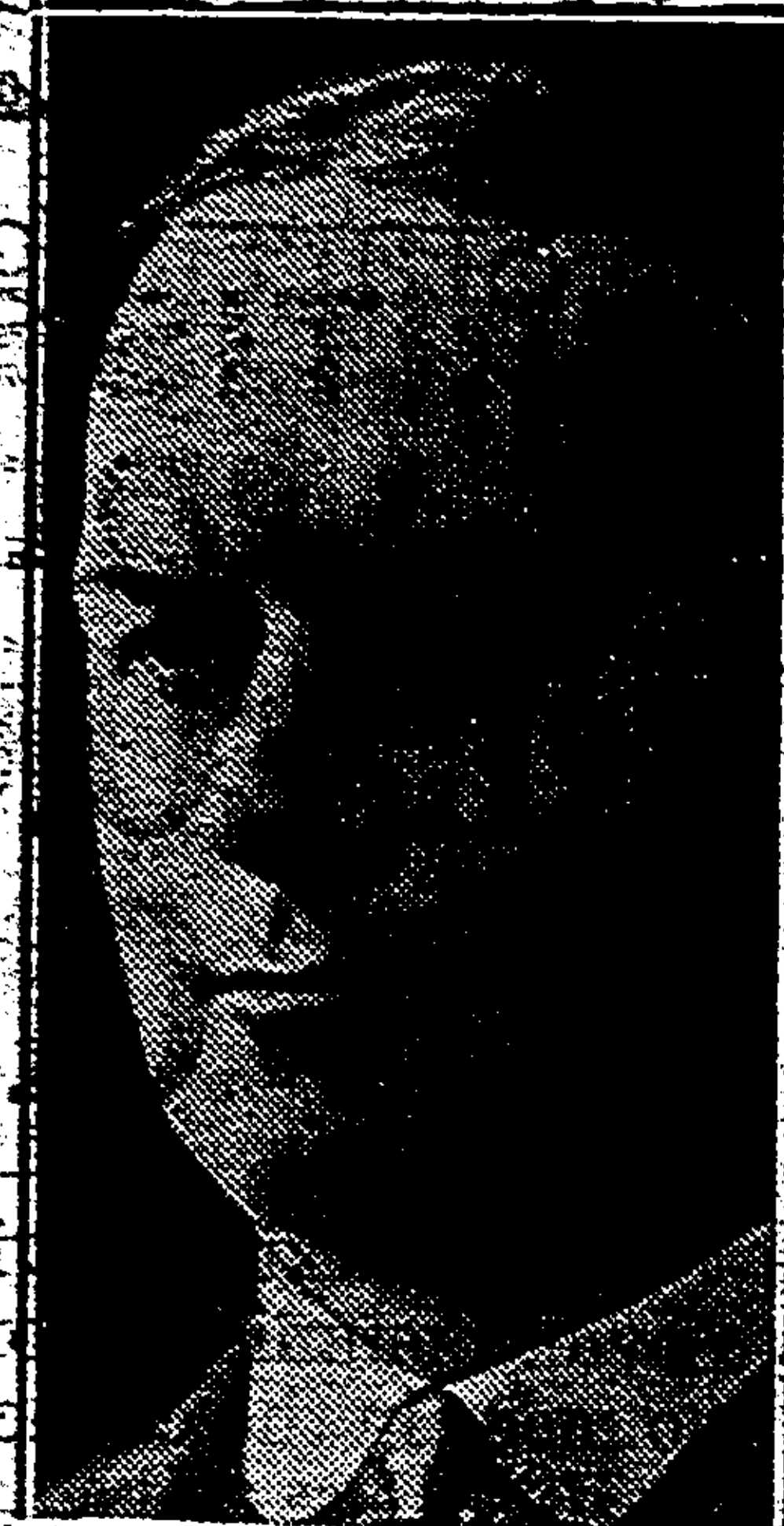
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When Will Their Voices Fade?

A ray which makes people or things completely invisible has been discovered by an Italian scientist, according to the Rome newspaper "Secolo-Sera."

An experiment is described in which the ray was turned on two women who were talking. They gradually faded out of sight and disappeared completely. But their voices could still be heard in argument.

"The effect is obtained," says the newspaper, "by an electro-optical combination, with the emanation of special electric rays similar to X-rays."



Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for Coordination of Defence, who told the House of Commons yesterday that in the last nine months of last year, British spent £137,000,000 on new armaments.

ORISSA ELECTION

Bombay, To-day.—In the elections in Orissa, the Congress Party of Pandit Nehru obtained a majority with 36 out of 60 seats. —Trans-Ocean.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Manila yesterday morning left in the afternoon and is due at Shanghai on Friday.

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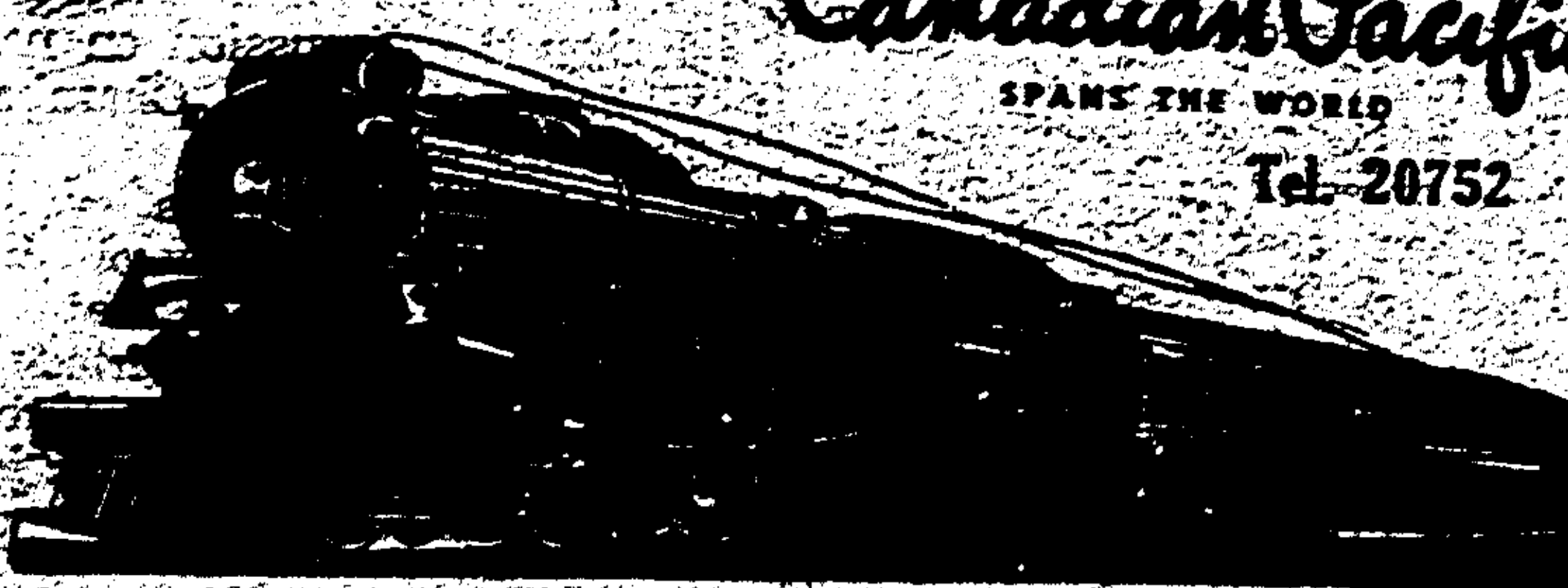
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BRITISH CABINET AND HITLER

DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS LIKELY

London, To-day.

Most newspapers in Britain, discussing the next move to be made in view of the situation that has arisen following Chancellor Hitler's speech, come to the conclusion that the British Government will favour procedure through diplomatic channels rather than once again adopting the method of sending a questionnaire to Berlin.

The "Morning Post" thinks that the British Government may consult with the German Government directly.

If any agreement is to be reached with the Reich, the paper says, this is best done by a personal exchange of views, although such action would only be taken after consultation with France.

The "Daily Mail" says that the British Cabinet will discuss the present situation at a meeting to-day. Germany's colonial demands, the paper understands, are another question which will be raised at the meeting.—Trans-Ocean.

WEDDING AT THE CATHEDRAL

Miss Sybil Dalziel And Mr. J. Gardiner

A very pretty wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral this afternoon, when Miss Sybil Dalziel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald C. Dalziel, of 10, Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong, became the bride of Mr. J. Gardiner, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gardiner, of Ilford, Essex.

Entering the Cathedral on the arm of Captain A. Muir, who gave her away, the bride was charming in a deep cream ripple crepe de chine gown, with a draped neckline caught on each shoulder by sprays of orange blossoms, by "Eunice" Full sleeves fitted very tightly from the bow and a light-fitting skirt falling in soft folds, formed a pointed train. A most delightful finish to this dainty gown was a handsome old brussels net veil and the same orange blossoms worn by her mother at her marriage. The bridal bouquet was composed of pink carnations and ferns.

The Bridesmaids

The bride was attended by the Miss Olive Dalziel, her twin sister, Miss Marie Smith and Miss Barbara Walker, who looked charming in period gowns, in pastel shade, of Parma Violet chiffon over moire of a slightly darker hue.

The bride's mother was gowned in a deep shade of albene trimmed with dark silver, and a floral toque of pansies and a chic handbag of silver, completed a very charming ensemble.

Mr. T. Lindars of the Asiatic Petroleum Company was the best man.

The officiating clergymen were the Rev. C. B. R. Sargent and the Rev. H. W. Baines while Mr. R. Baldwin rendered appropriate music on the organ.

Following the ceremony, a reception is to be held at the Gloucester Hotel where a large crowd of friends will gather and toast the happiness of the newly married couple.

The honeymoon is being spent in Japan.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, February 6, at the Rosary Church of Miss Maria Socorro Botelho and Alfred Victor Alvares.

The Civil Service Cricket Club will hold a match on Thursday commencing at 9.20 p.m.

AIR FORCE EXPANSION IN SINGAPORE

DETAILS OF BIG SCHEME

The "Straits Times" understands that enlargements to be carried out at Seletar and other air stations on Singapore Island involve an expenditure of at least \$1,500,000 within the next three years.

The present visit of five R.A.F. Squadrons to Seletar for the combined manoeuvres has laid emphasis on the lack of accommodation at Seletar.

Most of the personnel of the visiting squadrons has had to be accommodated under canvas on the borders of the landing field.

Squadrons Soon

With the probable increase of the establishment of the R.A.F. Far East Command to 12 squadrons in the near future it will be essential to speed up construction of hangars, barracks, and workshops—particularly at the new Tengah Aerodrome where two squadrons of bombers will be based.

The construction of barracks at Seletar to accommodate Army units is now under way.

Although anti-aircraft guns at Seletar are at present manned by R.A.F. gunners, it will be desirable as the base grows in importance to provide an additional Army garrison, including infantry machine gun units, to protect the aerodrome against surprise attack.

Accommodation will also be provided at the Naval Base for Royal Marine units.

The new giant graving dock at the Naval Base will definitely be ready for use before next December.

JAPANESE PLOTTING BLAMED

Pope Gives Several Audiences

Vatican City, To-day.

The Pope gave several audiences to-day with, apparently, no ill effects.

His doctor, however, is watching His Holiness carefully and is paying three visits to the Vatican daily.—Reuter.

CORONATION SOUVENIR PROGRAMME

In connection with the sale of the Coronation Souvenir Programme, it is announced that the Scout Movement has been greatly honoured in being selected by King George's Jubilee Trust to co-operate in selling the Programme at all coronation festivities throughout the Empire.

The Scout Movement is regarding the distribution of the programme as a most important public service and in the nature of the Scouts' Coronation Good Turn.

Here in Hong Kong the Boy Scouts Association has undertaken to try and sell in the street 1,500 copies on the Coronation Day itself and at any celebrations to be held on the succeeding days.

As programmes will also be on sale in bookshops and news agents shops from April 23rd onwards through the Empire an assurance has been given to the Trade by Imperial Headquarters of the Boy Scouts Association that Scouts will not sell the programme before this date.

The suggestion that the rise in militaristic control in Japan may lead to a renewal of Japanese aggression in North China appears to be causing growing alarm in Nanking.

Fears of further encroachment on Chinese territory have been raised again by the sudden renewal of activity on the part of the Outer Mongolian and Manchukuo forces in Northern Chahar.

Invasion of Suiyuan towards the end of last year was repulsed by Chinese provincial troops, and now the Chinese press is drawing attention to this resumption of military preparations by China's enemies.

Under large headlines the newspapers in Shanghai suggest that a renewed Manchukuo and Mongol offensive against Suiyuan is contemplated.

Chahar Concentration

Troops from Dolonor, states Reuter, have been concentrating in Chahar during the past few days in great numbers, according to a message from Pingtichuan.

With Suiyuan in a state of nerves the Chinese military authorities, headed by Fu Tao-yi, Governor of the province, are rushing preparations, to meet any possible menace from over the border.

ALLEGED ITALIAN SPY PLOT

Many Arrests In Barcelona

Barcelona, To-day.

A number of Italians have been arrested here following the discovery of a vast espionage plot, according to an announcement by the Commissary-General.

Investigations into the alleged plot are continuing.—Reuter.

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HITLER'S EUROPE

The first reactions to the Fuehrer's final repudiation of Versailles have passed, and as the dust settles it is natural to ask oneself what is the upshot of it all? Are we headed towards the Europe of Bismarck? Mr. Lloyd George in his memoirs gives it as his opinion that if in 1914 Bismarck and Moltke had still been in charge of the fate of Germany, the result would have been that she would have emerged from the conflict as victor and Europe would have entered on a new era under German paramountcy. He comes to the conclusion in fact that while all the Governments made mistakes the Allied mistakes were only counterbalanced by the bigger mistakes made by their adversary. It would be impossible to disprove that remark — all that one can say is that history "does not deal in might have beens." But for us the main consideration is that the Nazi development has not been something entirely new in human affairs, or even in Germany, but a revival of pre-war German conditions with a greater degree of unification, and all other questionings sink into insignificance compared with the one thought — is history going to repeat itself?

Whether or not we agree that the soul of Nazism is the vindication of the national honour, and that that overrides all other considerations, it is quite obvious that the new Germany is a law unto itself. Here in South China, which is the source of supply for so large a proportion of substances that are essential for modern armaments, such a wolframate, a glance at the tables of exports will show that while ordinary trade debtors have been refused the necessary exchange for the discharge of their obligations, money has been applied to the purchase of the raw materials for the manufacture of guns and shells and armour plates, and is still being so applied. Germany has not only re-armed, but provided herself with a reserve stock of such things in case she should be ever again blockaded and cut off from overseas imports. At the moment Germany has exhausted her foreign exchange and not surprisingly draws the conclusion, not that the cash acquired by her exports should be used for the purchase of what we are, good neighbours we shall her citizens want for themselves remain." — President Roosevelt.

but that areas should be handed over to her where her own money would be current.

How far are the Fuehrer's pacific assurances capable of being accepted? It is not a mere question of the Versailles Treaty. For that Treaty Englishmen never had any enthusiasm. The financial clauses were preposterous, and they were the only real ground for the insertion of the "war-guilt" clauses — otherwise a matter for the historian rather than the diplomatist. The Treaty was signed because the only alternatives were continuance of the blockade or a resumption of the fighting. Continuation of the negotiations would only have produced further demands from belligerent Allies, and a possible breakdown of the Conference.

But the Treaty was not so bad as it is painted, for it contained within itself provisions for revision that have never been utilised. For that it would be false and absurd to place the blame on German shoulders. Demands were met with refusals. There has never been any atmosphere of patient or sympathetic enquiry or equal diplomacy. We are not concerned with apportioning blame. The outstanding fact of to-day is that while Herr Hitler has proved treaty-making to be a mere waste of time, he has also stated plainly that the era of surprises is over. That holds some promise for the future even if it furnishes no guarantee that there will be no more demands — on the colonial issue, for instance. What it does promise is an era of negotiation on points of difference.

Pied Piper Wanted

They must be sighing for another Pied Piper in Germany to-day. An official estimate places the number of rats in the country at 65,000,000. But nothing has been heard of the Pied Piper since the Summer of 1934 when the town of Hamelin on the Weser devoted a week to celebrating the 650th anniversary of his legend.

Rat-charming by music seems to have been a fact in the middle ages. Despite the gay and coloured story which Browning made of the Pied Piper, in Hamelin they think he was a rat-charmer who was tricked out of his pay for ridding the town of its rats and revenged himself by charming away 130 of the town's children, who were never heard of again. The tale in its original form was one of truly medieval gloom.

Now that dogs, ferrets and poison gas have failed to keep down the rats in Germany, a few good charmers might find a welcome.

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS

COMMENT: "No politician ever created a more abundant life." — Professor Raymond Moley.

BULLISH PUBLIC: "The right-minded people in Wall Street don't want to see the public rushing into securities without first finding out what they're buying." — Charles R. Gay.

OPTIMISTIC: "Good neighbours we are, good neighbours we shall her citizens want for themselves remain." — President Roosevelt.

Italy's Task in Abyssinia: Only Just Beginning

VIEWED from any angle, the Ethiopian affair is far from ended. No amount of wishful thinking can minimize its far-reaching consequences.

In Africa the march of the Black Shirts into Addis Ababa, where in their most pervasive days the old Roman legions never penetrated, must have repercussions on a colonial system perpetuated within the arc of the Covenant itself, which has sanctified annexations by calling them mandates. In Europe it shifts the weights in a trembling balance, for there is no use blinking the brutal fact that a nation able to out-bluff Great Britain, override the opposition of fifty States and confound military experts rises not only in its own estimation but in the esteem of its neighbours. In Geneva it chalks up another setback for an institution which fails because it is not international enough, which has been persistently used by the great powers as an instrument of national policy and in the present test lost authority because so obviously torn between the conflicting interests of England and France.

For Italy victory will exact penalties more oppressive and long drawn out than the most zealous sanctionist can devise. The real endurance test now begins. From now on there is warfare without glory, heroics without the spotlight, tremendous national effort without the soldering heat of universal opposition. A country taking to aggression under an aggressive leader because it is poor and deprived of outlets for labour and goods has still to prove that it is not too poor for the costly and endless business of subjugating and developing the one segment of Darkest Africa the richest have passed by.

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Duce's Big Gamble

Mussolini has yet to prove that Ethiopia has a value equal to the very real price he has paid and must pay to exploit it. To date he has staked everything on two large postulates. The first was the state of Europe; he banked on the unlikelihood of concerted action by England and France while one country was militarily weak, the other politically weak, and both were frightened by the growing might of Germany.

When the Hoare-Laval peace plan broke down before a storm of popular indignation in England, what struck him most was the unanimous objection, expressed in "The Times" of London and repeated all down the line, that these proposals of the British Government, now known to have been formulated in London and sent to Paris, rewarded the aggressor by giving him "more than he had conquered." To Mussolini the inference was clear: he would get only what he could take.

From that time on there was no further talk of the distinction between "Abyssinia proper" and the outlying conquered provinces that formed the Ethiopian Empire. "The further we penetrate into this chaos the more we wonder whether there is an Abyssinia proper," he remarked to an interviewer after the grand-scale military drive did not begin until the Hoare-Laval effort failed. Then, and not till then, there is reason to believe, was the decision taken to push on to Addis Ababa with the aim of conquering the whole country.

Then, too, the Duce began to lean more heavily on his second postulate. His great gamble was on Italy itself. How far could he count on the discipline, the endurance, the spirit of sacrifice, the hardihood and morale of the Italian soldier and the Italian people?

Was the Italy he had invoked and paraded before the jeering world a figure of speech, a projection of his own ambition, or a real nation in real movement? An American military observer, in

Rome when the campaign started, interpreted the African enterprise as Mussolini's test of the military machine he had created, a kind of dress rehearsal to prove the calibre of the new and untried forces before they had to perform in Europe. "How does he know whether the Fascist army is an army of iron?" asked the American.

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Italian Question Mark

This question, applied to the Fascist State as a whole, is still to be fully answered. The Ethiopian campaign has raised the status of Italy as a military power, but whether Marshal Badoglio's exploit in mopping up Ethiopia in one swift, well-organised dash is a Pyrrhic victory depends on how far Mussolini can follow up. To what extent can he mobilise a civil population already strained to the utmost to accept further sacrifices for their country?

Last November he confided to a friend that he hoped sanctions would last six months—and no longer. None knew better that the economic siege, while stiffening the resistance of the people as nothing else could do, spurring to fresh efforts the technical genius of the country and delivering into his hands a long-coveted control of the national economic interests, would, if suffered too long, cease to be a stimulant and become a poison of incalculable effects.

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Gamble On Italy

To-day, more than ever, Mussolini has to gamble on Italy. The more difficult and more important phase of the war he willed has to be fought in the domestic field. For the world outside, also, Italy represents a question mark, this strange Italy that stands up to England, defies the Mediterranean fleet, sets Europe in turmoil, goes ahead, despite universal execration and is in all respects unidentifiable with the easy-going, operative, picture-gallery land that most tourists know. Where is this Italy going, down to bankruptcy and defeat, or up to the first-class powers? Has it really changed under the Fascist regime, and if so, how, why, and how deeply? Is New Italy a fact or a phrase?

Reviewing the observations of a crucial year, beginning with the May day when the jaunty Anthony Eden strode into Rome, swinging his malacca stick, and ending with the May day when the weather-beaten Badoglio saluted the harassed guard of the British Legation as he rode into Addis Ababa on a white horse, it seems to me that I have watched a nation hardening into a new mould. It would be rash to report that the process goes far below the surface or that it will last

when the patternmaker relaxes from his labours. Such as it is, however, it is a transformation which nobody in the modern world can afford to ignore.

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Desire To Serve

Essentially, the United Italy movement was a nationalist movement, just as Italy's participation in the war was a step toward national aggrandisement, just as the half-hearted acceptance of a dictatorial regime in the mood of disillusionment following Versailles expressed a surge of resentful nationalism. More by instinct than design—because the new self-consciousness flowered gradually from its ancient root—this cohering

force called Italy uses Mussolini for its purposes in much the same way as Germany uses Hitler.

Two points cannot be over-emphasised. The first is that leaders like Mussolini care very little for outside opinion. Their power depends on how they appear at home. In a sense, since they personify the wounded amour propre of nations, it depends on how far they can defy outside opinion and achieve results. The "moral judgment of mankind" does not thunder so loud in Italy as the thunderers might expect, and would not even were it heard more clearly. The eyes and ears of the populace are turned inward rather than outward. They feel the world is against them, but they are taught to believe that if they succeed against the world, they will in the end be justified. The Italian reasons in the same fashion if you ask him how Italy will ever be able to develop Ethiopia. "Once we acquire an empire," he shrugs, "it will be easy enough to borrow money on it." And to some extent he has already been proved right in the recent understanding with Germany.

The second point is more suggestive. What most impresses the impassioned democrat, who becomes more impassioned as he surveys alternative systems, is that the new dictatorships, moving in the same direction, whether it is called Right or Left, evoke something in their subjects which democracy seems to have lost the power to inspire. In Britain and U.S.A., citizens demand what the government is going to do for them; in Italy the government makes demands on the people and the people seem to want to serve and give to the country.

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MACHINE-GUNS IN F

MOTOR STRIKE CRISIS: MISS PERKINS VILIFIED

Washington, To-day.

A grave situation in the relations of the Government with Capital and Labour is feared as a result of the appeal of the General Motors Corporation to the Courts against the alleged illegality of the sit-down strikers who had occupied two factories.

Yesterday, less than an hour after National Guardsmen had set up machine-guns in the middle of the street in front of the Chevrolet factory at Flint, Michigan, the Court decided to grant an injunction restraining the strikers from occupying the two factories.

The sit-down strikers were ordered to evacuate the plants within 24 hours.

Now allegations are being made that the Secretary for Labour, Miss Frances Perkins, allowed the Government to be recorded as approving the strike weapon, which the Courts were bound to forbid.

Miss Perkins is being criticised for castigating the refusal of Mr. A. P. Sloan, President of General Motors, to negotiate with Mr. John L. Lewis, the Labour leader, on the eve of the court's decision.

ELLEN WILKINSON'S SPEECH
Government circles now grimly realise the truth of a speech made by Miss Ellen Wilkinson, the British Labour Member of Parliament for Jarrow, who is on a visit of the United States.

In a recent address to the sit-down strikers at Flint she told the workers that they had formed

themselves into an instrument of tremendous power.

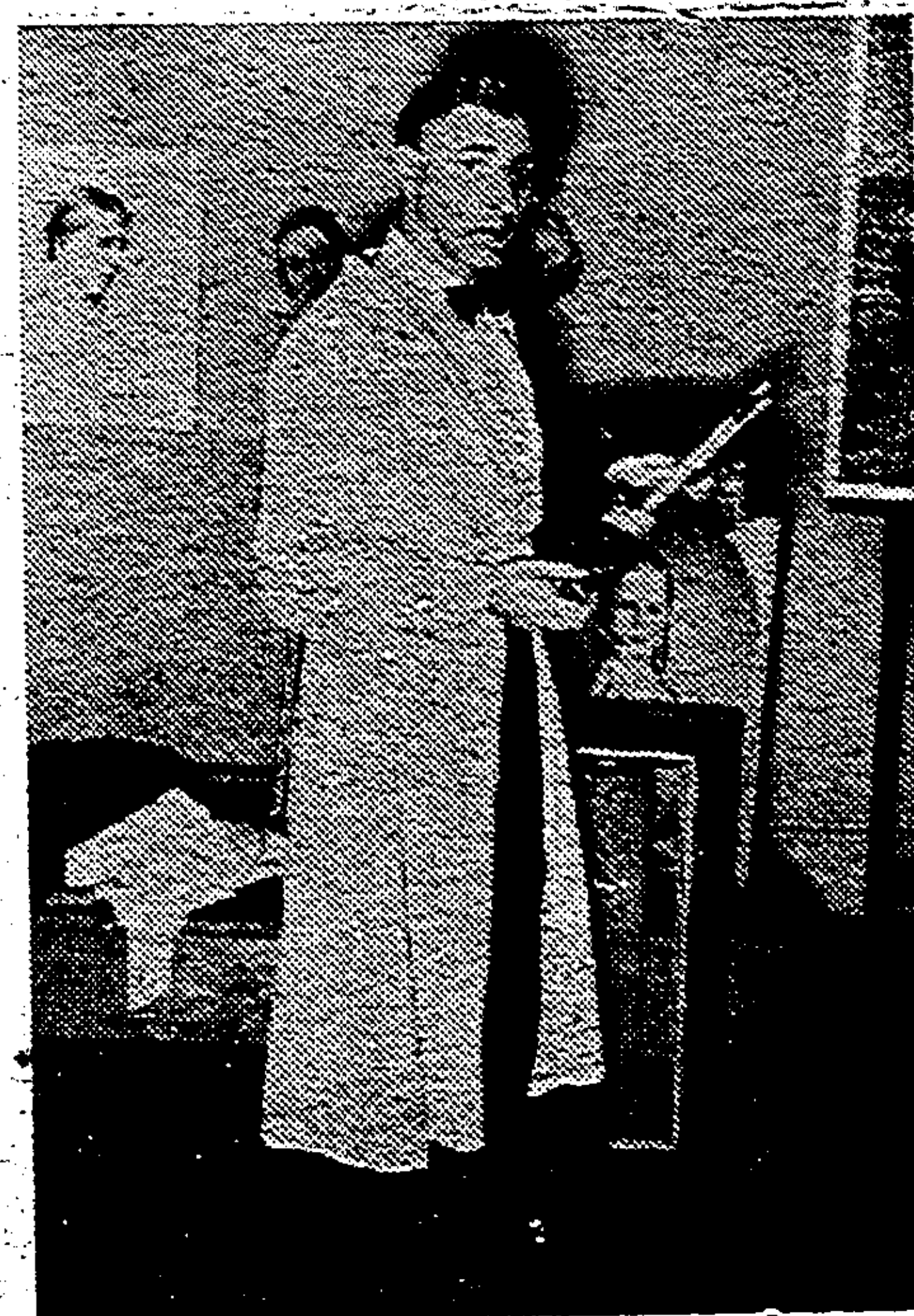
Meanwhile Mr. Lewis declares that the present strike is only the beginning of his campaign against the "economic Royalists," whom President Roosevelt himself attacked most vehemently during his election campaign.

BAYONETS USED TO DISPERSE MOB

Strong action was taken by the Michigan authorities under the orders of Mr. Frank Murphy, the State Governor, to settle the outbreak of hooliganism which took place on Monday.

National Guardsmen in full war kit set up machine-guns outside the Chevrolet factory. Other detachments cleared the street at the point of the bayonet and seized a broadcasting van used by the strikers' pickets.

Two men in the van were taken into custody.—Reuter.



The Reich Culture Chamber, an organisation which directs and promotes cultural life in Germany in all spheres, has just completed its third year of existence. The newly appointed president of the Chamber of Formative Arts, Prof. Ziegler, is shown in his studio.



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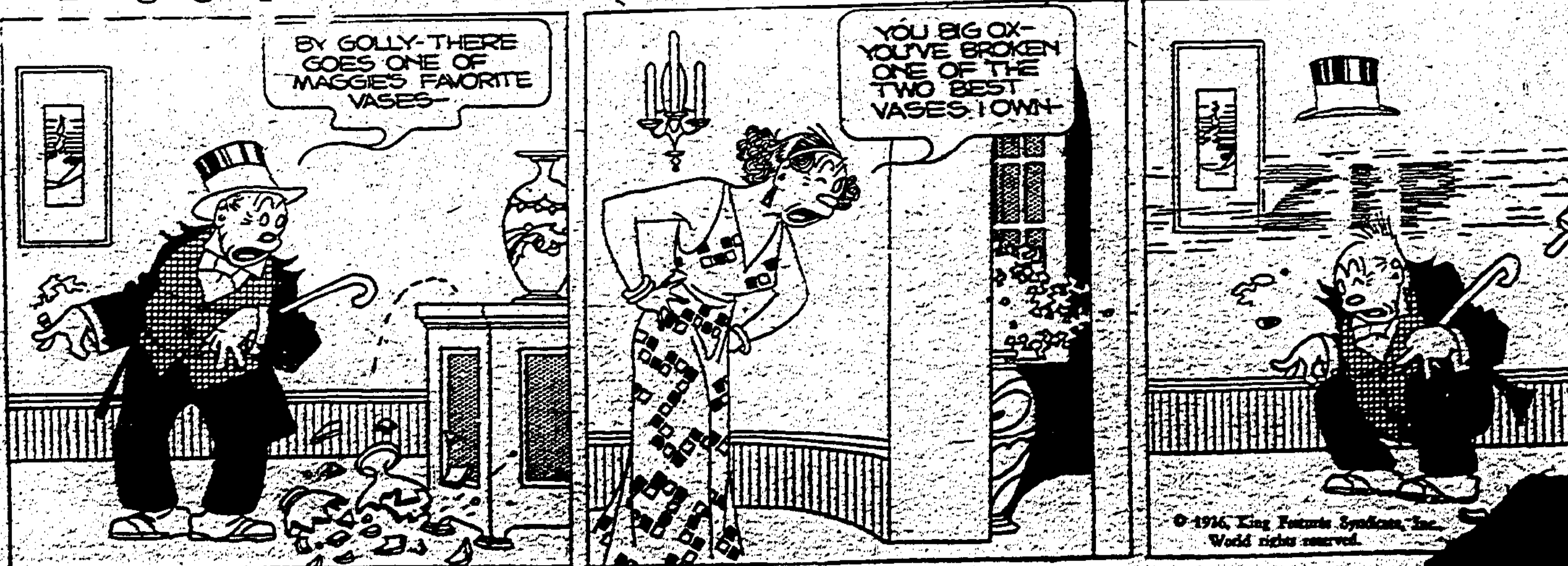
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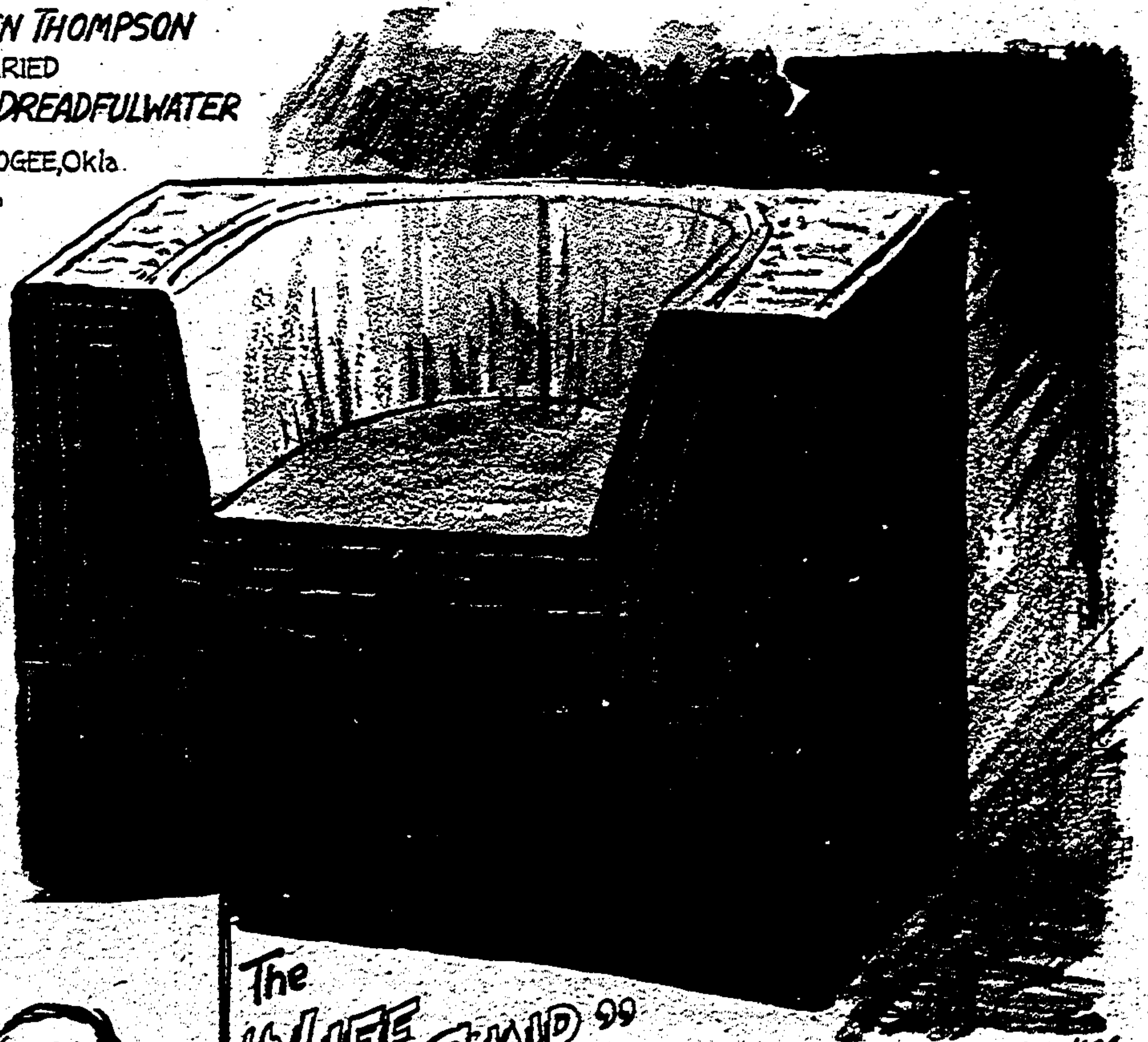
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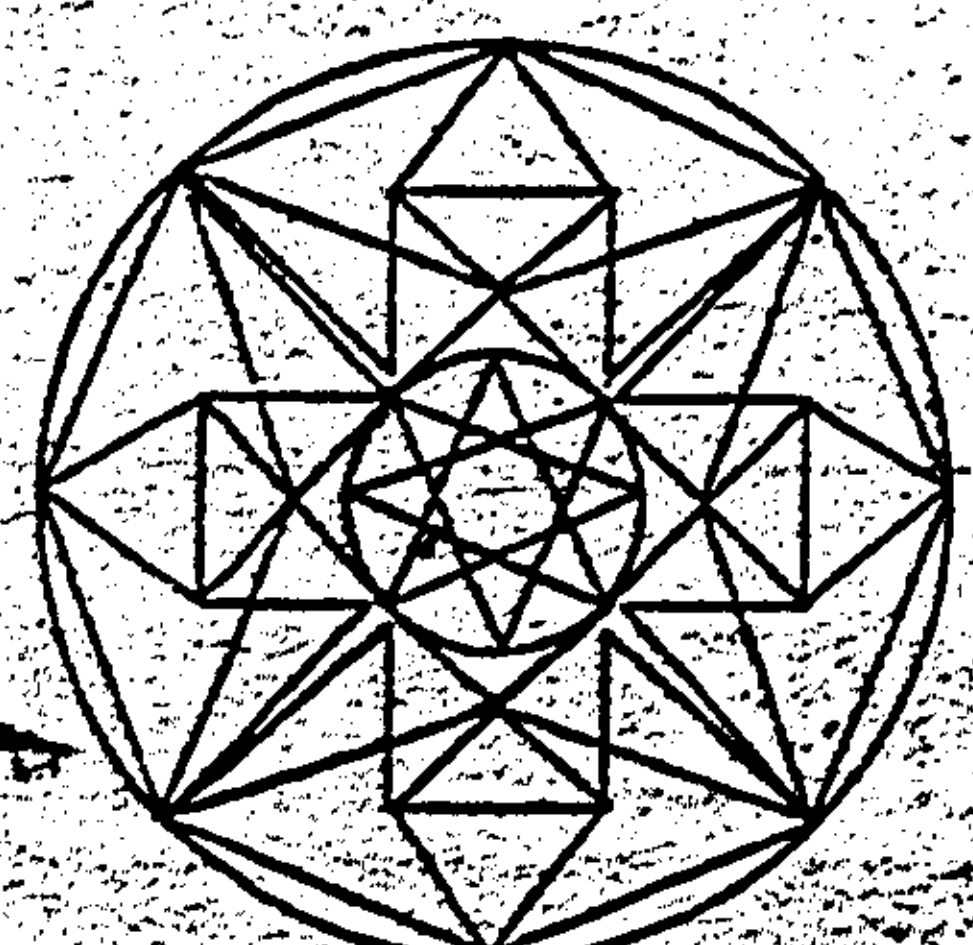
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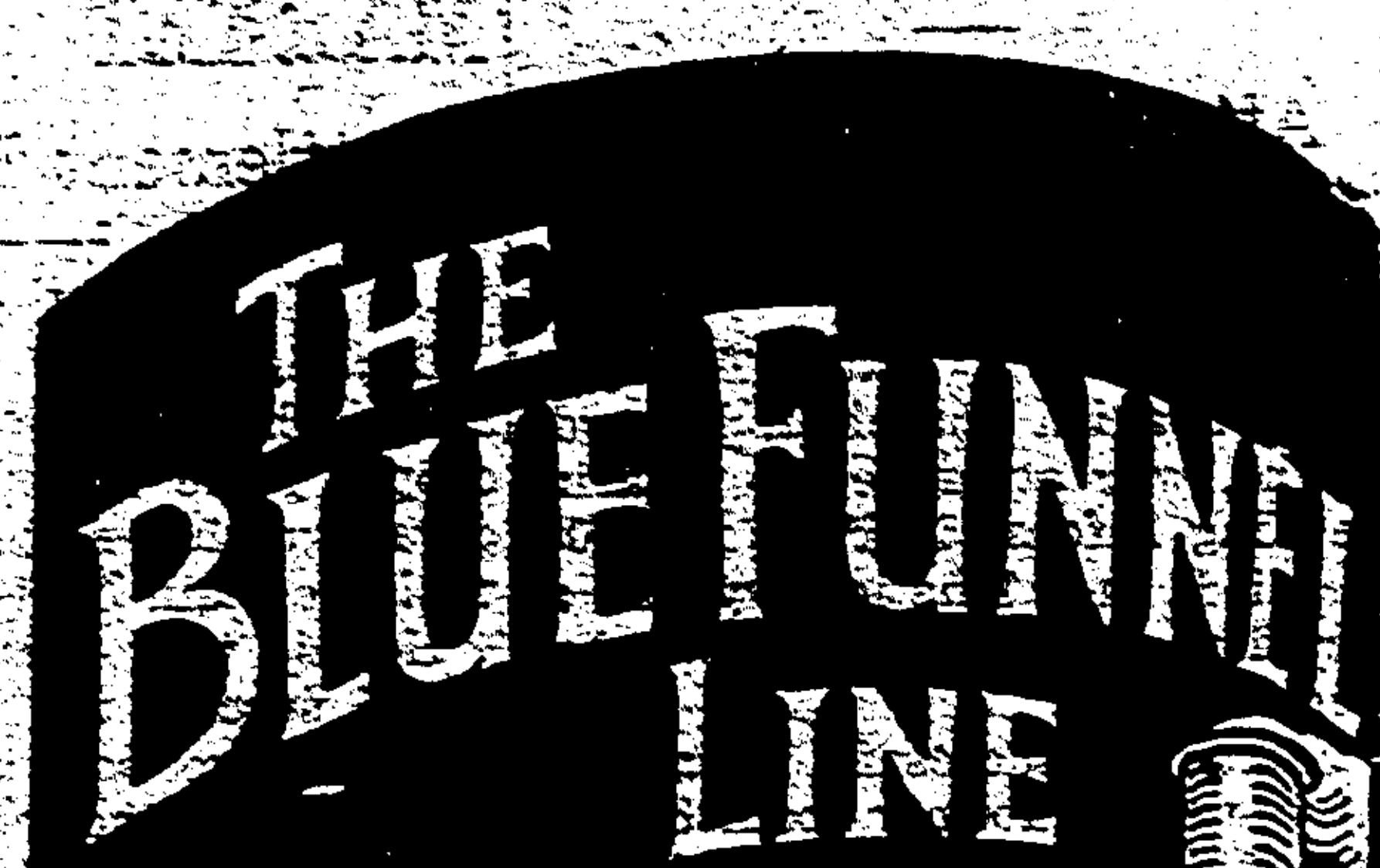
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**ANARCHIST DIES
IN ASYLUM****Attempt On Alfonso
Recalled**

Paris, To-day.—The Spanish anarchist, Eduardo Ferruo, who attempted to assassinate King Alfonso in Paris in 1905, has died in a lunatic asylum at Barcelona, according to a message received here.

Ferruo's unsuccessful attempt on the life of the former Spanish monarch took place on July 1 while the King, accompanied by President Loubet, was returning from the opera.—Trans-Ocean.

**RUMOURS IN
LONDON RUBBER
MARKET****Settlement Day Hitch**

London, To-day.—Dealings on the London rubber market have been greatly handicapped since rumours started two days ago that settlement day revealed certain difficulties.

Hopes that concerted efforts would succeed in overcoming the trouble have now been abandoned and an announcement is expected early to-morrow.

Estimates of the amount involved vary from \$5,000 to \$10,000.—Reuter.

**LOCAL DOLLAR
NOW 1/27/8****Silver Prices Down**

The local dollar is steady, opening on demand this morning at 1/2-7/8.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 20-1/8 and "forward" at 20.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at \$—U.S.\$4.89 7/8, while the New York on London cross-rate was quoted at \$—U.S.\$4.90-1/16.

COMMODITY PRICES

The following quotations have been received by Reuter:—

	Prev. Closing	Yesterday Closing
New York Cotton:		
March	12.79	12.77
May	12.62	12.57
July	12.43	12.41
October	11.89	11.84
December	11.85	11.77
January	11.82n	11.76n
Spot	13.29	13.25
New York Rubber:		
March	21.08a	21.00n
May	21.07	21.00
July	21.03a	20.96
September	20.98	20.92n
December	20.92n	20.86n
Chicago Wheat:		
May	127 1/8	123 1/4
July	111	112 1/4
September	108	108 3/8
Chicago Corn:		
May	105 1/8	105 1/4
July	100	99 3/8
September	95	94 1/4
Winnipeg Wheat:		
May	120 3/8	121 3/8
July	117	118
October	106 1/4	107 3/8

**ADDIS ABABA ROAD
TO DJIBOUTI**

Milan, To-day.—Construction of a new road between Addis Ababa and Djibouti, to relieve the present congestion on the railway line, has been decided upon by Italian engineers.

Sanction for the proposal has been granted by the Viceroy of Abyssinia, Marshal Graziani, and the road will probably be completed in two months.—Trans-Ocean.

**LOCAL SHARE
MARKET**

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:

BANKS

H.K. (Lon. Reg.) \$115 b.
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INSURANCES

Canton Ins. \$310 b., \$315 sa.
Union Ins. \$620 b.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS,
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H.K. & K. Wharves \$106 1/2 b., \$108 1/2 sa.

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MINING

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H. & S. Hotels \$5 1/2 b., \$5.60 sa.

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Peak Trams (Old) \$4 b.

Star Ferries \$93 sa.

H.K. Electrics \$58 1/2 b., \$58 1/2 sa.

Telephones (Old) \$29 1/2 b.

Telephones (New) \$11 b., \$11/11.11 sa.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$11.40 sa.

Dairy Farms \$22 b.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Cottens Sh. \$15 1/2 b.

Shai Cotton (Old) Sh. \$98 b.

Shai Cotton (New) Sh. \$68 b.

Wing On Textiles Sh. \$44 b.

Wallace Harpers \$4 sa.

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**NEW YORK SHARE
MARKET**

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Stocks:—The uncertainties with regard to utilities continues, but we believe that long-term part purchases are warranted at near the present levels. In the industrial section, coppers and oils continue to be the predominant favorites.

We would emphasize that the court injunction granted against the sit-down strikers at Flint was merely decided as a question of law, as opposed to definite action for eviction of the strikers, the decision being the only one possible in view of past decisions. Our optimism regarding the eventual outcome of the strike continues, but the major uncertainties still remain.

Business done: 2,430,000 shares.

Cotton:—The mild winter and the strike and flood situations are causing a pause in the buying of cotton-goods, but we think that this is only temporary and that the outlook continues to be generally bullish.

The Scottish Night advertised to be held at the Cheero Club this evening has been postponed. The date will be announced later.

The B.I. ex Tilawa will leave for Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe on Thursday at 6 a.m.

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He added, however, that owing to exchange difficulties, additional taxation, restrictions by way of duties and otherwise, which have been placed by many governments on the importation of goods into foreign countries, as well as restrictions on internal trading in such countries, the additional profits, which would be expected in normal times to result from the increase in sales, do not always materialise.

Increased Business.

"However," went on Sir Hugo, "I feel confident that so long as we can go on increasing the volume of your business throughout the world, you will gradually see the increased volume of business reflected in the profits as shown on the balance-sheet."

"I am not a prophet, but, provided nothing occurs seriously to affect the international situation during this year, I have every hope that the balance-sheet profit figures for the current year will not be less than those shown in the balance-sheet which you now have before you."

No Writing-Up

Sir Hugo also referred to a suggestion that the board should distribute to the shareholders all, or a part, of the large surplus of the market value of investments and subsidiary companies over the balance-sheet figures.

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"The fact of writing-up the value of your investments cannot in any way increase the revenue of the company, and I think you will all agree, therefore, that no useful purpose would be served by making any change in the book value of your investments."

WORLD FAIR IN JAPAN

The ¥35,000,000 budget for the International Exposition to be held in 1940 in commemoration of the 2,600th anniversary of the foundation of the Japanese Empire, was approved at a directors' meeting last week, and construction work is expected to start in the spring.

This Exposition is to be held at Tsukijima, Tokyo, where 24 halls including an Empire-foundation Memorial Hall, Historical, Educational, Scientific, Art, Agriculture and Forestry, Marine Products, Foodstuff, Mining, Industrial Electric, Fibre Industry, Communications, Overseas, and Aviation Halls will be built. In addition a Music Stand and Open-air Theatres are also to be constructed. Of these various halls, the Empire-foundation Memorial Hall and the Industrial Hall will be built for permanent use—the latter to be used for sample fairs in future.

Of the ¥35,000,000 total, this

FREIGHT CHARGES INCREASED

The Java China Japan Line, a Dutch company has increased freight charges by 32 per cent. owing to the increased demand for space.

This shipping company which has worked at considerable loss during the last few years of the depression and has had to withstand keen competition by Japanese shipping lines, was obliged recently to charter several steamers to satisfy the demand for bookings which followed the devaluation of the guilder.

The present increased rates will improve the position of the company considerably.

year's budget involves a sum of ¥2,270,000 with which the Government intends to build roads, bridges, parks, etc. Work will also begin on the Empire-foundation Memorial Hall.

The Exhibition will last for nearly half a year.

ECONOMICS IN N. CHINA

Japanese And Chinese Meet

Plans for the economic development of North China were discussed at conferences between the Chinese and Japanese authorities at Tientsin.

A party of Japanese experts from the South Manchuria Railway Company in Dairen also participated in the parleys, which are believed to have achieved considerable progress.

The decisions reached at the conferences, and the results of the investigation now being undertaken, will be embodied in the final scheme for the economic exploitation of North China.

The principal meeting took place when General Sung Chieh-yuan, chairman of the Hopei and Chahar Political Council, called on Lieut-General Tashiro, commander-in-chief of the Japanese garrison in North China, and exchanged views on various subjects, including the reopening of the Lungyen mines, the construction of a railway to Shihchiachang, the future of the "autonomous" East Hopei regime, and an anti-Communist campaign.

These problems were discussed earlier in the day at the Japanese military authorities, including Lt-General Tashiro.

BRITAIN'S NEW INDUSTRY

Steps are being taken to increase the output of British magnesium, now being widely used in the manufacture of light alloys for machines, particularly for road and air transport.

According to the Bulletin of the Imperial Institute, most of the metal has hitherto been imported from Germany and the United States, but one British firm anticipates an output of 150 tons a month shortly.

A large proportion of the world's output of the metal is obtained from magnesite—carbonate of magnesium—and this has to be imported into Great Britain.

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INTERPORT ELEVEN TO BE TESTED



Dorothy Betjeman, engineering student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, proves her ability on skates. She is here seen practising for the Boston ice carnival.

R. E. WIN IN THIRD DIVISION SERVICE CORPS FALTER

(By "ROVER")

In an uninteresting Third Division football game yesterday at Sookunpoo the Engineers defeated the Service Corps by the odd goal in three.

The Service Corps were much the better team in the first half, but good goalkeeping by Banfield, in the Sappers' goal, and poor shooting by the Service Corps inside-forwards prevented them from taking the lead in this period.

Lieut. Reader, on the right-wing, was the outstanding player for the losers. He played a thoughtful game and sent over numerous centres to the other forwards which were either wasted by faulty shooting or by slowness. Had he received better support the Service Corps would have done much better.

Haytor Shines

Haytor, in the pivotal position, was the best of the defence. He was always up with his forwards but as his wing-halves were inclined to lay too far back during an attack he was given a lot of extra work.

Beal, in the centre-half berth, was prominent for the Sappers. He tested Smith with several first-time drives and his passes to his wings enabled his forwards to cover ground rapidly.

Weak Shooting

In the closing stages of the game the Sapper forwards were more in the limelight and Jordan, Harris and McGrath were seen in several nice movements but they, too, were weak in shooting.

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Seaforths To Provide The Opposition WILSON'S CHANCE TO MAKE GOOD ONLY PRACTICE MATCH

(By "Referee")

THE COLONY INTERPORT FOOTBALL TEAM WILL BE GIVEN ITS FIRST REAL TEST THIS AFTERNOON ON THE CAUSEWAY BAY GROUND, WHERE THEY WILL ENTERTAIN THE FIRST DIVISION TEAM OF THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS, WHO HAVE ALREADY FALLEN INTO THEIR STRIDE AND WHO WILL PROBABLY FULLY EXTEND THE COLONY ELEVEN.

Providing yesterday's fine weather conditions prevail to-day, the ground should be firm enough for some fine soccer and both the Interport attack and defence will have to look to their laurels.

The Seaforths are a sturdy combination and have an excellent defence, which will fully test the Colony forwards. Webster and Steele, the Scots' full-backs, were more than a match for the fast and tricky Fusilier forwards last Wednesday, and Fung King-cheong will come up against one of the best half-backs among the Services in Cook. Steele, the Scots' left-back, will have his hands full with the most dangerous of the Colony wing-combinations, Yeung Shui-yick and Fung King-cheong.

Campbell will probably be up against Miller, who is one of the most trustful centre-forwards I have seen in the Colony for some time. McGuigan, the Scots' inside-left, is another outstanding forward of promise and should give Leung Wing-chiu a gruelling time, while Dunnochie, the inside-right, although by no means as fast as the rest of the Seaforths' attack, should likewise extend Evans.

The Scots' only weaknesses at the moment are on their wings, where Ayres and Nuttney are not likely to give Lee Tin-sang and A. V. Gosano much cause for worry.

Inside-Left Berth

Williamson, the Seaforths' right-half, has the reputation of being one of their best men, although I have not been particularly impressed with him. He should, however, either credit or discredit the move of the Interport Selectors in giving the inside-left berth to Andy Wilson.

The latter has, it is alleged, been credited with concentrating on the left-wing instead of playing towards the right, and this afternoon should provide a wonderful opportunity of disproving this theory.

Unfortunately for the team, Lee Wai-tong himself is not likely to be hampered much because McKusker, while a magnificent feeder, is not quite up to the Colony leader's standard of soccer, and I am inclined to think that Lee will find several loopholes in the Seaforths' defence down the centre.

Solitary Practice

With a heavy week-end programme ahead, the Interport Selection Committee are not thinking of holding another practice before the Interport, and this afternoon's encounter should give Manager "Jock" McKelvie the opportunity to straighten out his team and correct their faults.

The following are the two teams:—

Interport XI:—Pau Ka-ping (S. China "A"); Lee Tin-sang (S. China "A"); and A. V. Gosano (Recreio); Leung Wing-chiu (S. China "A"); J. Campbell (Rifles) (Vice-Captain) and Fus. Evans (Fusiliers); Yeung Shui-yick (S. China "B"); Fung King-cheong (S. China "A"); Lee Wai-tong (S. China "A"); A. Wilson (Club); B. I. Bickford (Club).

Reserves:—Blr. Stevens (Rifles) (Full-back); N. Beltrao (Recreio) (Half-back); Fuls. Talbot (Fusiliers) (Forward) and D. Knox (Kowloon) (Forward).

Seaforths:—Thomson; Webster and Steele; Williamson, McKusker and Cook; Ayres, Dunnochie, Miller, McGuigan and Nuttney.

Only One Round To Be Played In Boys' League

A meeting of representatives of Army Units and Schools who are entering teams in the newly inaugurated Boys' Football League, was held yesterday evening and presided over by Lieut. L. H. Yates, of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, when it was decided to hold the competition this year on a League system, although having only one round.

The following teams were represented:—Royal Welch Fusiliers, Seaforth Highlanders, Royal Ulster Rifles, St. Joseph's College, Central British School and La Salle College.

It was decided that the time available was much too short for them to play two rounds, although this

scheme would be carried out next season.

It was also unanimously decided that each team should pay its own expenses.

At last night's meeting the rules for the competition, which are very much on the same lines as the Army Enlisted Boys' League, were drawn up and unanimously passed. They will be sent to the Hong Kong Football Association for confirmation.

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It is hoped, however, that the Kowloon Branch of the Chinese "Y" will provide five newcomers in order that their European opponents will meet some new blood.



Capt. G. W. P. Kimm, above, Football Secretary of the H.K. Area Sports Board, has done much to place the Boys' Football League on its feet.

PING PONG ENCOUNTER FOR Y.M.C.A.

MEET CHINESE "Y" TO-NIGHT

Following their successful debut against the Confucian Society last Wednesday night, the European Y.M.C.A. will meet the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon Branch, in their second table-tennis encounter to-night in the West Lounge of the former's building.

Although the European "Y" did not win a single match against the Confucian Society, who have held the Colony title for several years, they gave an impressive display and an indication of strength in the future.

Table tennis in the European "Y" has always been confined to one of the closed-in veranda spaces adjoining the members' lounge, with a scarcity of space, poor lighting conditions, a slippery stone floor and, above all, a very poor table.

Better Conditions

Many of these deplorable conditions have, however, been eliminated and to-day, after some slight delay, members can enjoy a bi-weekly game of table tennis in the West Lounge, where the lighting is good, while the floor provides a good grip and there is plenty of room.

I cannot understand why it was that nothing was done in the past to arouse interest in this game, which has a large following at the "Y". W. J. "Bill" Ashton, the Assistant Secretary, is doing his best at the moment to provide members with better conditions, but until such time as the West Lounge becomes a permanent home for "Y" table tennis, the standard of the game there is not likely to rise above that of the present standard.

European Team

To-night the Europeans will be at home to the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon Branch, and some sparkling play should be witnessed. The European team will be selected from W. J. Ashton, J. L. Anderson, R. Goldman, H. B. Neve, G. Cox, C. Nicholas and E. J. Sweetman, while the Chinese "Y" team will probably include the four Poon brothers, who also turn out for the Confucian Society in the League and who played against the "Y" last Wednesday.

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FROST HEADS JUNIOR BATSMEN

BAXTER HAS FINE RECORD

YOUNGER PLAYERS NEAR THE TOP

(By "Adrem")

P C. FROST, of the Hong Kong C. C. is at the head of the Second Division League Cricket batting averages, but he has played only three innings. K. M. Baxter, the K.C.C. opening bat, is in second place with the excellent average of 52.29. In 10 innings he has aggregated no fewer than 366 runs, which is 60 more than Q.M.S. Moreton, who has the next highest aggregate.

G. M. Rumjahn, the Ellis Kadoorie schoolboy, has an average of 44.00, while Victor Bond of the Club, aided by four not outs, is standing at 41.50.

The fact that prominent positions in the table are occupied by cricketers at the beginning of their careers, augers very well for the future, and it will be interesting to see how these youngsters fare when they are promoted to the senior division next season, as they most likely will be.

The Second Division bowling figures also provide very interesting reading and these will be published in to-morrow's editions.

QUALIFICATION TWO COMPLETED INNINGS: AVERAGE 15 AND OVER

P. C. Frost (H.K.C.C.)	3	1	76	151	75.50
K. M. Baxter (K.C.C.)	10	3	97	366	52.29
Bdr. Baker (Army "A")	6	1	93*	245	49.00
Sgt. Daniels (Army "A")	6	2	62*	184	46.00
Cpl. Wateridge (Army "B")	9	3	89*	271	45.17
K. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	5	2	65	132	44.00
V. C. Bond (H.K.C.C.)	6	4	27*	83	41.50
Cpl. Whitehead (Army "C")	6	1	108*	194	38.80
R. Baldwin (K.C.C.)	6	2	50	143	35.75
A. K. Mackenzie (H.K.C.C.)	7	2	56	177	35.40
Cpl. Shipp (Army "B")	9	1	73	270	33.75
S. A. Gray (K.C.C.)	5	3	55*	64	32.00
W. C. Hung (K.C.C.)	3	0	68	95	31.67
W. L. Clark (P.R.C.)	8	3	54	154	30.80
Q.M.S. Moreton (Army "B")	10	0	63	306	30.60
E. Bathurst (H.K.C.C.)	6	1	71	153	30.60
Spr. Hoddinott (Army "B")	5	0	62	142	28.40
A. Bakar (I.R.C.)	7	2	57*	142	28.40
J. Barrow (C.S.C.C.)	4	1	38*	84	28.00
R. M. King (H.K.C.C.)	6	2	54	108	27.00
P. O. Dunne (K.C.C.)	6	1	60	134	26.80
H. Danbrowsky (P.R.C.)	7	3	47	106	26.50
A. K. Suffiad (I.R.C.)	6	1	60	132	26.40
Gnr. Chaplin (Army "A")	9	3	47	158	26.34
P. H. Loughlin (P.R.C.)	8	2	45*	155	25.83
Q.M.S. Eaton (Army "A")	5	1	42	97	24.25
H. T. Barma (I.R.C.)	5	0	49	120	24.00
Walker (Navy)	2	0	42	48	24.00
L/Cpl. Moore (Army "B")	8	3	51	118	23.60
J. L. Stephens (P.R.C.)	9	1	58	175	21.88
G. H. V. Hall (K.C.C.)	3	0	29	64	21.33
E. R. A. Hollands	3	0	62	63	21.00
Lt. Comdr. D'Arcy-Evans (Navy)	9	0	82	187	20.78
A. E. Carey (P.R.C.)	9	0	50	186	20.67
Major Davies (Army "C")	6	2	32*	82	20.50
Surg. Lt. Davenport (Navy)	3	0	42	61	20.33
S/Sgt. Collins (Army "A")	9	1	73	153	19.12
G. A. Lee (C.C.C.)	9	0	57	170	18.88
B. G. Baker (P.R.C.)	2	2	29*	113	18.8
C. S. M. Elvin (Army "C")	2	0	32	37	18.50
W. Mulcahy (K.C.C.)	9	0	69	165	18.33
W. A. Reed (Recreio)	7	0	46	128	18.29
C. G. Agnew (H.K.C.C.)	4	0	40	72	18.00
C. Pope (P.R.C.)	8	0	45	143	17.88
R. G. Robertson (C.S.C.C.)	5	0	48	86	17.20
T. E. Yeoh (C.C.C.)	9	0	30	153	17.00
Pte. Dickinson (Army "C")	8	1	37	118	16.86
E. Souza (C.C.C.)	3	0	29	50	16.67
Cpl. Whitley (Army "B")	6	0	47	100	16.66
C. E. Gahagan (H.K.C.C.)	6	0	43	100	16.66
Comdr. Barry (Navy)	6	0	35	100	16.66
J. Pengelly (C.S.C.C.)	2	1	29	33	16.50
C. H. Teoh (University)	7	0	50	115	16.43
A. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	7	1	67	97	16.17
Cpl. Hopcroft (Army "B")	9	1	34	129	16.13
Cpl. Goldsworthy (Army "C")	3	0	46	129	16.13
Comdr. Clark (Army "C")	3	0	19	48	16.00
A. Kitchell (C.C.C.)	6	3	23*	48	16.00
J. W. Leonard (C.C.C.)	7	1	31	95	15.83
Sgt. Howe (Army "A")	2	0	22	31	15.50
H. E. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	9	0	61	137	15.22
A. M. Prata (Recreio)	7	0	29	105	15.00



P. C. Frost, above, heads the Second Division League cricket batting averages.

INTERPORT TEAMS FOR MANILA?

SOUTH CHINA ALSO INVITED

The Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation have extended to the Hong Kong Football Association, the Shanghai Football Association and the South China Athletic Association an invitation to send the Interport teams of the former two bodies and South China's best team, presumably after the Interport, to Manila.

A cabled invitation was received yesterday morning by Mr. L. R. Idefonso, local Hon. Secretary of the Filipino Club, which reads as follows:—

Enquire under what conditions can Shanghai or Hong Kong Interport football teams or South China Athletic Association visit Manila?—P.A.A.F.

The last occasion a local team paid a visit to Manila was in 1934, when St. Joseph's, then in a very strong position for the First Division League championship, sent a team to the Manila Carnival.

The Philippine Exposition, which was formerly the Manila Carnival, terminates on February 20 next, while the Eucharistic Congress, which commences in Manila to-day, ends on Sunday next.

As far as the Shanghai Football Association is concerned, a visit to Manila is practically out of the question as they have curtailed their local Interport programme from five to four games and the question of players securing additional leave would naturally crop up again.

The invitation to the local Association will come up for consideration in the very near future, probably some time this week.



THE SCOTTISH CUP

London, To-day. In the first round of the Scottish Cup Hibernian beat Alloa by 5 goals to 2. Their original fixture last Saturday was postponed as the ground was unfit for play.—Reuter.

DAND NOT PLAYING SATURDAY

FRACTURED BONE IN FOOT

(By "ATHOLE")

Followers of cricket will be sorry to hear that Arthur Dand, the popular Kowloon Cricket Club junior League captain, will be unable to lead the potential champions in their "needle" match against the Police next Saturday at the K.C.C.

Receiving an injury to his instep when keeping wicket to Hung in the game against Craigengower three weeks ago, Dand was forced to stand down for the matches against the Club and Recreio. It was then hoped that he would be able to play on Saturday, but an X-ray on Monday disclosed that he had a fractured bone in his foot and so his last hope of playing has gone.

The K.C.C., who will be represented by the same team which beat the Club and Recreio so convincingly, need only draw their last match with the Police to win the shield they last won in the 1921-2 season. If the Police win they will carry off the trophy for the first time in the history of the championship.

The K.C.C. team is as follows: W. Mulcahy (captain), W. C. Hung, F. I. Zimmern, G. C. Burnett, K. M. Baxter, W. L. McKenzie, T. A. Madar, R. Broadbridge, G. A. V. Hall, S. A. Gray and R. Baldwin.

PORTSMOUTH'S WORRIES

Big Overdraft And No Support

Portsmouth F. C. have a bank overdraft of £13,000. This fact has been disclosed to a London paper by a Portsmouth director—one of the hardworking, club-minded board who have personally guaranteed every pound of it.

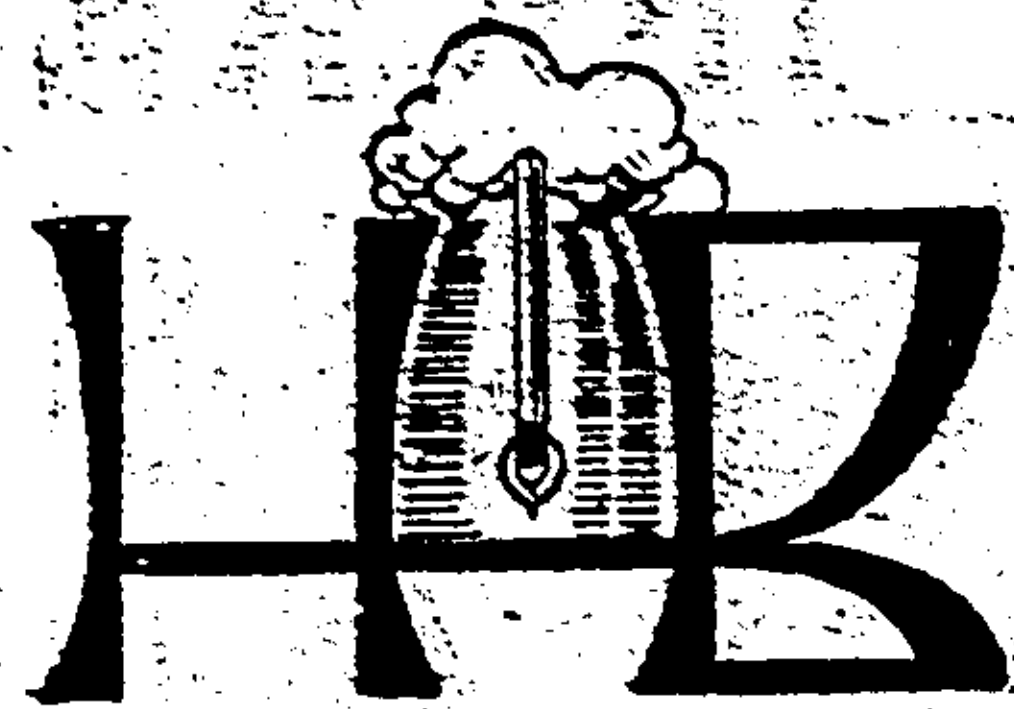
The director pointed out that when Allen was transferred to Aston Villa two years ago for £10,775, Portsmouth started with a clean financial sheet.

Much of the present deficit is due to the recent erection of free covered accommodation for the shilling seats.

Small Gates

Portsmouth have, for many years, tried to convert local townsfolk into soccer fans. But gates have always been small in proportion to the population.

"The reason is this," added the director: "So many people are settling down buying their own houses, and saving every penny to do it. Even our success has not lured them. I remember after a great Cup triumph we played our next League game before a mere handful."



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DAVIS CUP CHINA TO MEET NEW ZEALAND

London, To-day.

The outstanding feature of the draw for the Davis Cup competition, which was made yesterday, is the return to the series of Italy, who have drawn a bye into the Second Round, where they will meet Monaco, while Japan will meet the United States in the American Zone.

China, who have again entered the European Zone of the competition, will meet New Zealand.

The following is the order of the draw:—

EUROPEAN ZONE

Byes into 2nd Round:

Italy v. Monaco

Germany v. Austria

Sweden v. Greece

First Round:

Belgium v. Hungary

Switzerland v. Ireland

South Africa v. Netherlands

China v. New Zealand

Byes into 2nd Round:

Yugoslavia v. Rumania

Poland v. Czechoslovakia

France v. Norway

AMERICAN ZONE

First Round:

United States v. Japan

Mexico v. Australia

Great Britain, the holders of the Davis Cup competition, will meet winners of the Inter-Zone championship in the Challenge Round at Wimbledon.—Reuter.

25 Competing

London: The draw for the Davis Cup competition was made yesterday in traditional manner by the Lord Mayor of London. Twenty-five countries have entered the competition this year, and the contest will once again be divided into two Zones, the European and American Zones.

Of the countries which participated last Spring, Spain, Spain, Cuba and Argentina are missing this year, while Rumania, New Zealand and South Africa are newcomers to the series. In the American Zone, Japan will meet the United States, filling Cuba's vacancy.

As a result of the draw, Germany would appear to have an excellent chance of reaching the Final of the European Zone in the upper half, while in the lower section, France is expected to succeed.—Trans-Ocean News Service.

GRIMSBY DRAW

London, To-day.—In the First Division of the English Football League yesterday, Grimsby shared two goals in their home game against Birmingham.—Reuter.

LADIES' INTERPORT HOCKEY DANCE

The Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Association contemplate holding an Interport Dance for the visiting Shanghai Ladies' Hockey Association team at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday, February 16. Admission will only be limited to members of the teams competing against the Shanghai team and their friends.

SMEDLEY WINS

The January Medal Pool at the Kowloon Golf Club resulted as follows:
Winner: J. F. Smedley 81-15-66
Runner-up: F. C. Barry 78-11-67

LADIES' INTERPORT HOCKEY TRIAL

CLAIMS ADVANCED OF MISSES WOOLLEY, POPE BOOKER AND MRS. ROSE

(By "Adrem")

MUCH TO THE DELIGHT OF ALL HOCKEY ENTHUSIASTS IN THE SHANGHAI LADIES' HOCKEY ASSOCIATION HAVE SENT WORD TO THE EFFECT THAT A TEAM IS DEFINITELY COMING HERE. AFTER A MONTH OR SO OF ANXIOUS WAITING, I AM QUITE SURE THAT THIS NEWS CAME AS A GREAT RELIEF TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, WHO HAD BEEN COMPELLED TO HOLD UP ALL FINAL ARRANGEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISIT.

Once more speculation becomes rife as to the composition of the Colony team, and a trial will be held next Saturday, after which, presumably, the eleven will be selected.

Enquiries from various members of the Selection Committee elicited the information that following the last trial held early last month 22 players were chosen, from which number the team would finally be announced.

No definite information has been forthcoming as to who these players are but, from form displayed in the trials, I imagine the two teams to be as follows:

PROBABLES:

Mrs. R. Rose; Miss E. M. Gray and Miss A. Fowler; Miss L. L. Woolley, Miss J. Wong and Miss B. Pope; Miss

O. Dalziel, Miss M. Booker, Mrs. Donald, Miss M. Smith and Miss M. Westcott.

POSSIBLES:

Mrs. Stephens or Mrs. Lanson; Mrs. Burke and Miss J. Smalley; Mrs. Silva, Miss J. Dalziel and Miss K. Glover; Miss F. Wong, Miss H. Bockler, Mrs. Read, Miss P. Gittins and Miss D. Hunt.

SURPRISING DECLINE

I know that several of my probable selections will meet with criticism, chief among them being the inclusion of Miss Pope and Miss M. Booker to the exclusion of Miss Glover and Miss Marsh respectively. I have been so disappointed with the performances of the latter in recent matches that I have not even included her in the reserve team.

While being a strong believer in the policy of encouraging youth as much as possible, I still feel that unless a younger player is almost as good as an older rival and, in addition, shows considerable promise, no advantage can be gained by weakening a team on these grounds. For this reason I would play Miss Pope before Miss Glover, who for a player of her reputation has been most disappointing.

Miss M. Booker, who gave a very fine display in the last trial against the Probables' defence, is speedy, shoots well and takes full advantage of any openings, and, in view of Miss Gittins' loss of form, I cannot think of a better choice for the inside-right berth.

RIGHT-HALF PROBLEM

The only other position that calls for comment is at right-half, where I have placed Miss Woolley in preference to the highly-fancied Mrs. Silva. The latter is a very good spoiler, but is not nearly as good with her constructional play and does not clear nearly as well as Miss Woolley.

The selectors have plenty of material at their disposal and there seems to be no reason why Hong Kong should not win the Interport and retain the White Cup held for the last two years.

There seems to be no doubt that the authorities have now a fairly good idea as to the final composition of the team and next Saturday's game will be more in the nature of a practice match. It is to be hoped that further matches will be arranged before the Shanghai team arrive in order that a really fine combination can be built up.

COLONY BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP

One match in the Junior Billiards Championship of the Colony has been arranged for to-night B. Montalto meeting Wing Poon-chi at the K.C.C. while to-morrow night M. A. Baptista will encounter Chan Hon-shu, at the Engineers' Institute.

WHY NOT HOCKEY AT SCHOOLS?

QUEEN'S & LA SALLE STAND ALONE

(By "ADREM")

Hockey is a game that is rapidly becoming more and more popular in Hong Kong. Played at a very fast pace, it requires more than usual stamina and training. It is an excellent means of encouraging team spirit as individualism cannot meet with any success, as has often been demonstrated, and, last but not least, it teaches the young player to take hard and painful knocks without loss of temper.

Why then has hockey not been introduced into more schools? It seems to me a more suitable game than many now on the sports programmes of many local seats of learning.

Only Two Schools

So far as I have been able to ascertain, apart from girls' schools, where it is extremely popular, Queen's College and La Salle College are the only schools that play the game with any regularity. I can bring to mind numerous cases of boys leaving school being introduced to hockey at some club and then becoming tremendously keen. These boys quite naturally start their hockey careers at a tremendous disadvantage. If they had been able to play regularly during their last five or six years at school, it follows that as with other games, on reaching the age where they join clubs, instead of starting as novices, they have already reached a standard that enables them to participate in the very best hockey with a fair amount of success.



Miss Sybil Dalziel, above, the well-known lady hockey interporter, will be married to "Jock" Gardiner, a very useful badminton player, at St. John's, Cathedral. Owing to their departure for Japan at daylight to-morrow, Miss Dalziel will not be available for the Interport.

WARNING TO BOXERS

London, January 8.

The British Boxing Board of Control announce that referees are to be asked to warn boxers that in the event of the referee calling the men together to caution one or both, they must not continue to box until ordered to do so.

In the event of a boxer disregarding this order he will be liable to disqualification.



ALSFORD JOINS NOTTS. FOREST

London, January 4.

Alsford, the Tottenham Hotspur left-half, was transferred to-day to Nottingham Forest. Having played for England against Scotland in 1935, Alsford is a product of Tottenham junior football, and has been on the Spurs staff since he was a boy.

EVERTON SECURE TOM LAWTON

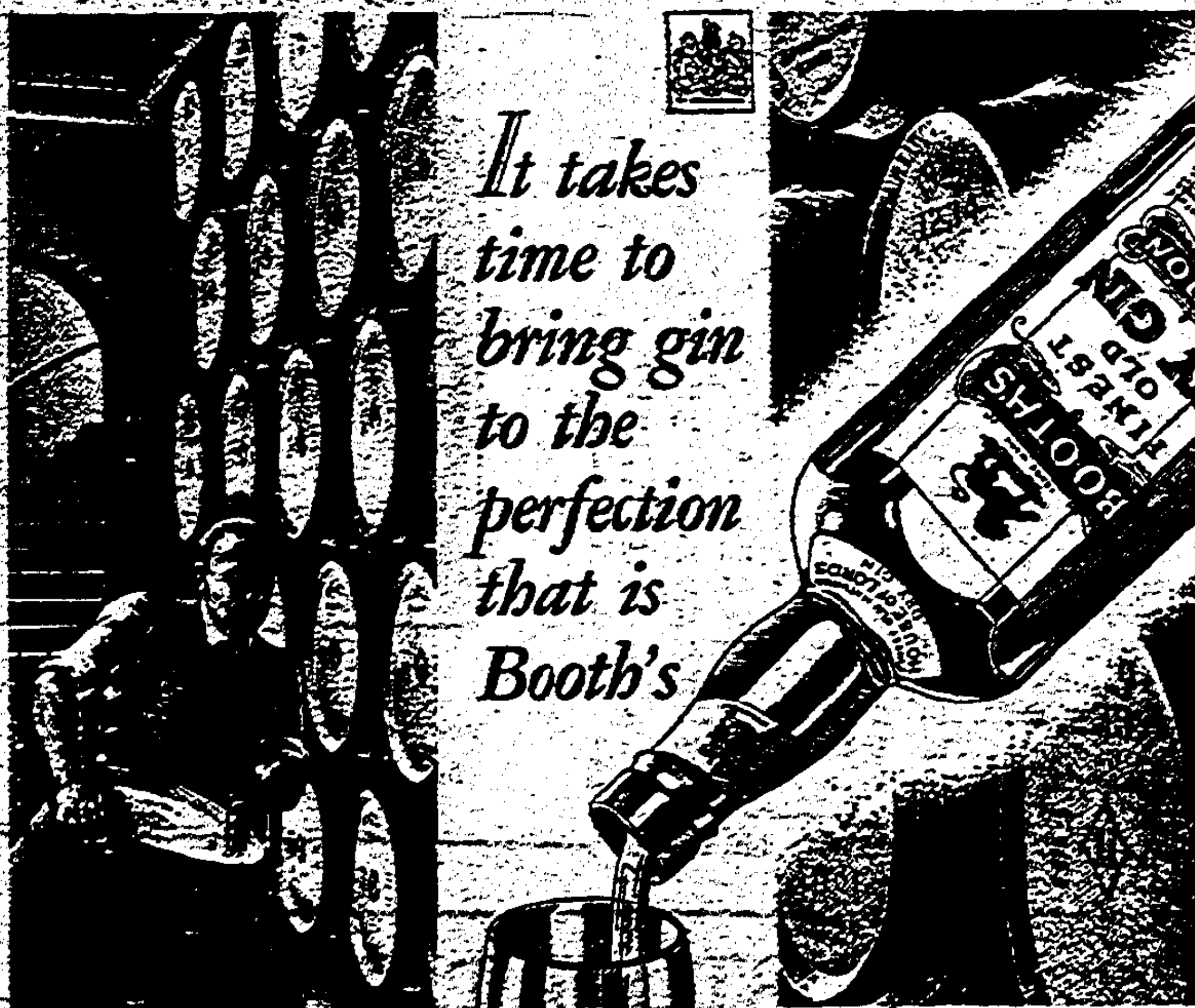
\$6,000 PAID FOR YOUNG LEADER

Everton on New Year's Eve secured from Burnley the transfer of Tom Lawton, their much-sought centre-forward, who is only 17 years of age.

Lawton, who first played for Burnley last March at the age of 16, has scored eleven goals in eighteen matches this season. He stands 5ft. and weighs 12st. 5lb. The fee paid by Everton is stated to be in the region of \$6,000.

CORONATION HURDLE RACE

The King has entered his horse, Fairlead, for the Coronation Hurdles a race of \$1,000, to be run at Liverpool on Thursday, March 18. There are 66 entries.



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CHAMPION JOCKEY THROWN TO-DAY

ATHOS GOES LAME IN TRAINING SPIN

By "RAPIER"

Mr. Don Black, the champion jockey for 1936, had the misfortune to be thrown from his mount while riding Helenside's Helderado, a new Australian subscription griffin, this morning.

Mr. Black was taking out this pony on the grass track, and when nearing the mile distance post he was suddenly unseated. The pony galloped towards the Golf Club and was caught by the mafo.

Suffering from no ill effects, Mr. Black remounted and completed his gallop.

Athos, a new subscription griffin, belonging to Mr. F. C. Hall developed lameness during its training gallop this morning and had to return to the stable.

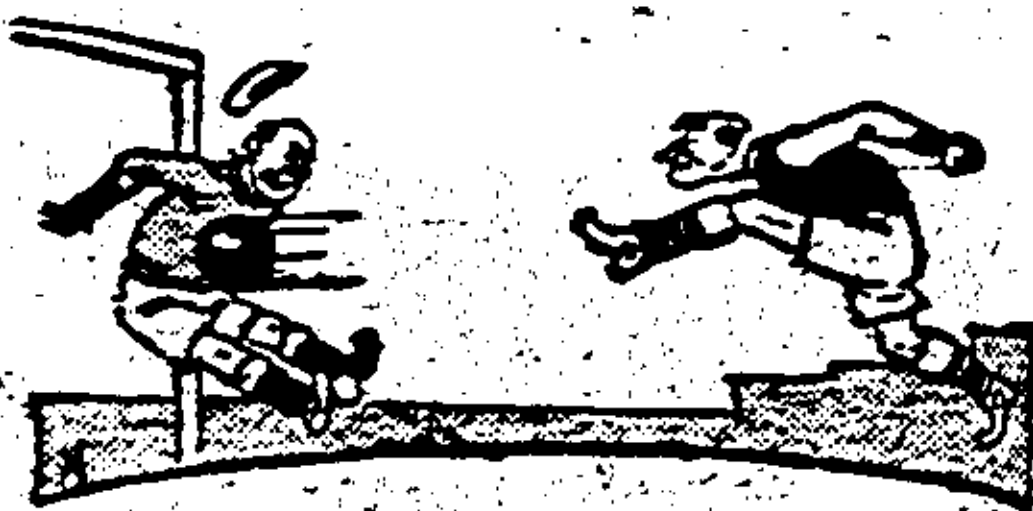
R. E. WIN IN THIRD DIVISION

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After a goalless first half the Service Corps opened the scoring through Roberts, but the Sappers equalised through Harris, and shortly after Jordan scored the winning goal when he shot through a crowd of players with Smith unsighted.

Engineers:—Banfield; Merrifield and Jordan; Beal, Dudderidge and Johnson; Parker, Harris, Jordan, McGrath and Stirke.

Service Corps:—Smith; Furnival and Bowering; Foxman, Haytor, Forsythe; Lieut. Reeder, Hopkins, Ivory, Roberts and Hughes.



THIRD DIVISION
Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Fusiliers	14	13	0	1	55	7	27
Liga	15	11	3	1	52	22	23
R.A.O.C.	16	11	4	1	34	20	23
Seaforths	16	10	4	2	60	22	22
R.A.M.C.	15	9	5	1	32	26	19
Kwong Wah	15	8	4	3	46	28	17
Air Force	14	7	5	2	33	35	16
Recreio	14	7	5	1	37	28	15
Engineers	13	5	8	0	28	32	10
R.A.S.C.	14	3	9	2	17	33	8
St. Joseph's	14	3	10	1	18	43	7
E. Police	13	2	11	0	15	52	4
C. Police	12	1	10	1	12	49	3
Kowloon Rifles	19	1	8	0	13	54	2
Totals	196	90	90	16	446	446	196



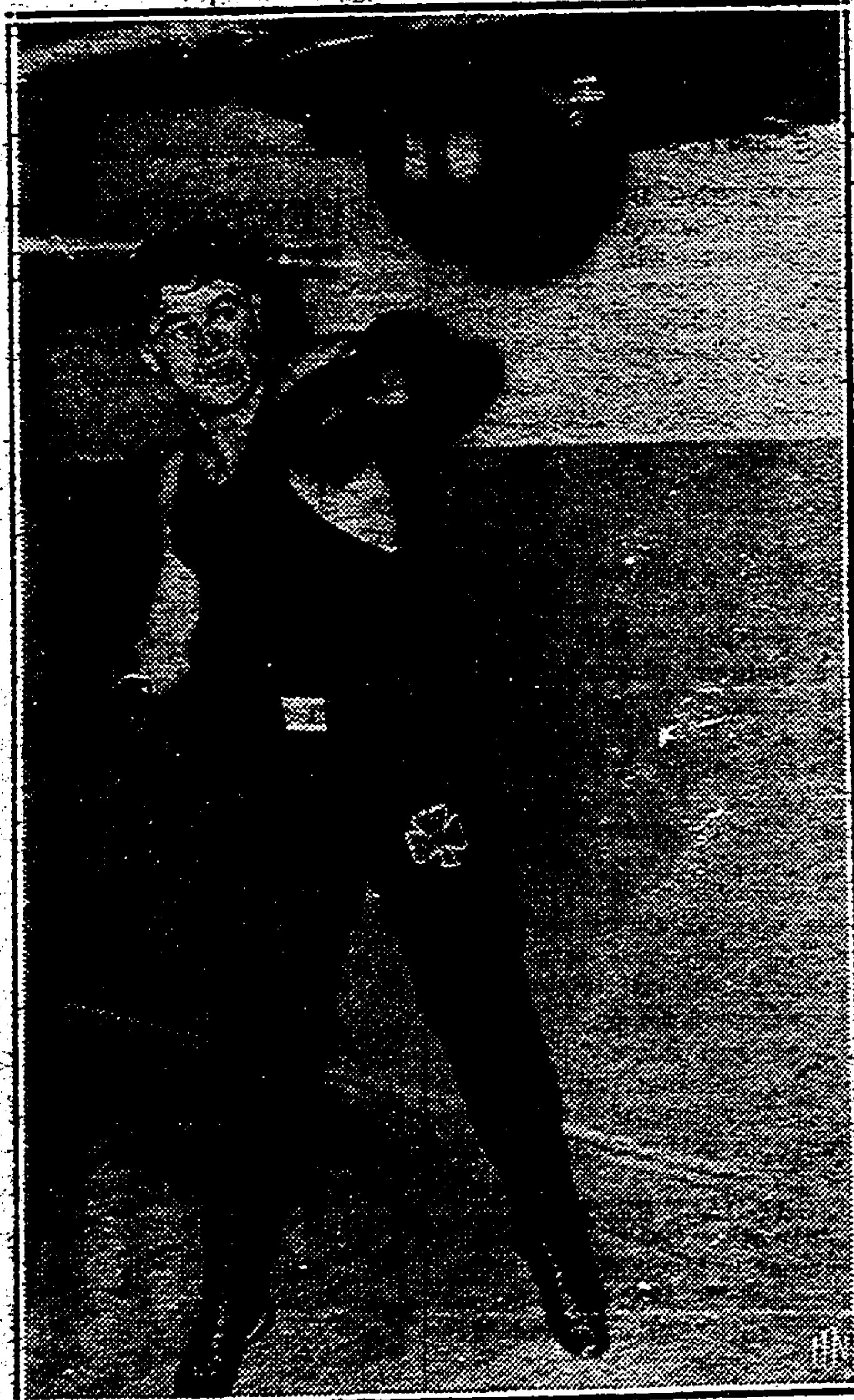
SOCCER PLAYERS SUSPENDED

At a meeting of the Emergency Meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association held last Monday, four cases of misconduct on the field were dealt with.

Goddard, of the R.A.M.C., who was sent off in the match against the Chinese Police on January 24, was cautioned.

Chiu Kam-foo, of Kowloon Chinese, dismissed from the field in the Kowloon Chinese v. Athletic match on January 23, was suspended for six weeks as from date of match, while Wong Shiu-kee, of the Athletic, who was also an offender in the same match, was suspended for two and a half months, as from date of match.

Ip Ki-chee, another Athletic player in this game, was also sent off, and was suspended for two and a half months as from the date of the match.



Jimmy Braddock, world heavyweight boxing champion, is here seen pushing a bag around in a New York gymnasium. He has a ring date next June which may or may not be with Max Schmeling.

FUSILIERS BOXING TOURNAMENT

The boxing championships of the Royal Welch Fusiliers were completed at Shamshuipo on Monday night before a big and enthusiastic crowd and resulted in the following becoming battalion champions:

- Bantamweight:—Fus. Fisher "D" Coy.
- Featherweight:—Fus. Raven "A" (S) Coy.
- Lightweight:—Fus. 22 Owen "D" Coy.
- Welterweight:—Fus. 70 Morgan "C" Coy.
- Middleweight:—Fus. 43 Davis "B" Coy.
- Light Heavyweight:—Fus. Thyer "D" Coy.
- Heavyweight:—Fus. Ragby "B" Coy.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWELFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd day of March, 1937, at the BOARD ROOM of the Company, Second Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the financial year ended 31st December, 1936, and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 22nd February to the 3rd March 1937, both days inclusive.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 1937.

Order of the Board.

W. L. MCKENZIE,
Secretary.

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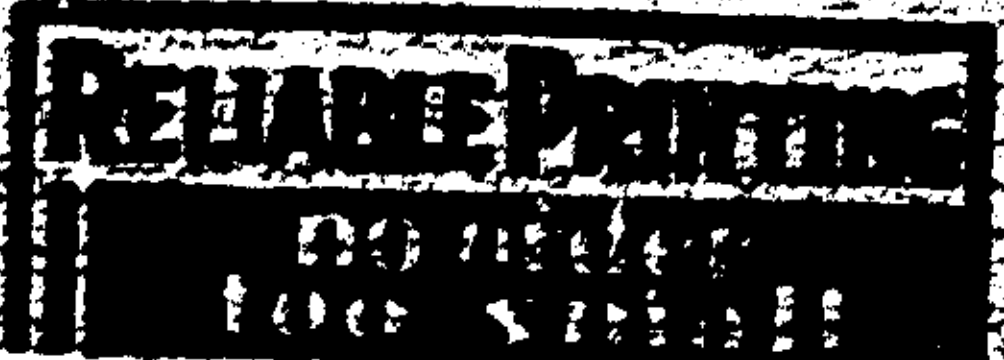
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PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale of Public Auction to be held on **MONDAY**, the 15th day of February, 1937, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

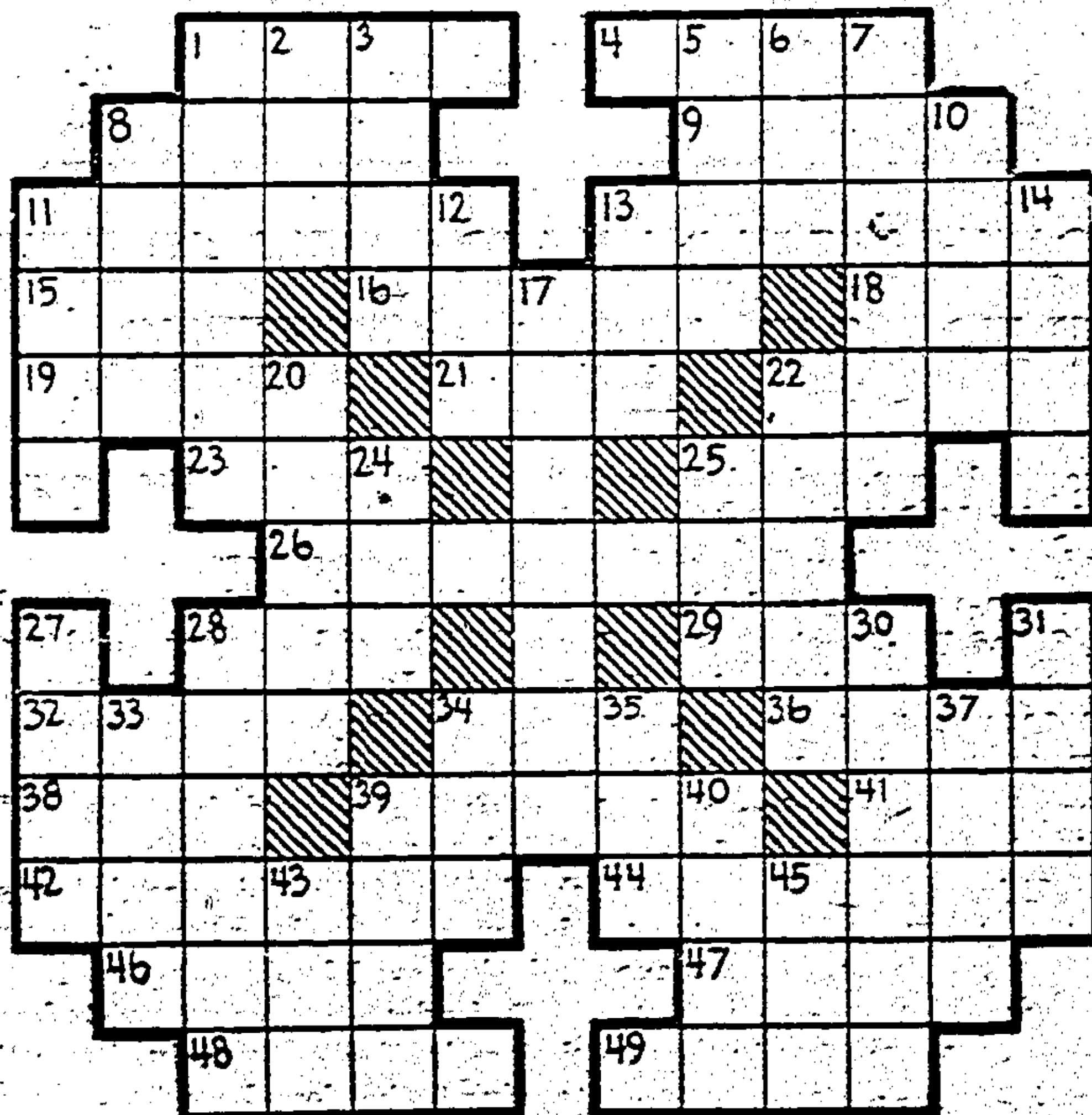
Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the purchaser will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of one thousand dollars, \$1,000.00 in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the purchase price.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price.
			L. A. L. W.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	about \$	\$
1	Kowloon Island Lot No. 8897.	Lai Chi Kok Road, Tai Kok Tsui.			17,140	314
						177,180

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-world puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Spheres
- 4-Short gaiter
- 8-Chief actor
- 9-Makes a mistake
- 11-Move with light, quick steps
- 13-Reduce in rank
- 15-Epoch
- 16-Irrigate
- 18-Permit
- 19-Award, stupid person
- 21-Cat's foot
- 22-A singing voice
- 23-An insect
- 25-Farm animal
- 26-Ambitious
- 28-Prison
- 29-Know (Scott)
- 32-Exclamation of regret
- 34-Without moisture
- 35-Stagger

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 38-The (Fr.)
- 39-Ascends
- 41-Before
- 42-To make obese
- 44-Darken
- 46-Prefix. Around
- 47-Greases
- 48-A number
- 49-Apportion

VERTICAL

- 1-Capital of Canada
- 2-A rodent
- 3-Concoct
- 5-Look inquiringly
- 6-Equip
- 7-Sings with a rolling motion
- 8-Girl's name
- 10-Lake and (proof reading)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 11-Wooden pins
- 12-Knock
- 13-Condensed moisture
- 14-English school
- 17-Those who cure
- 20-Part of the legs
- 22-A flower
- 24-Sailor
- 25-Beseech
- 27-Young cow
- 28-Hurry
- 30-Sewing implement
- 31-Killed
- 33-Jump
- 34-Noise
- 35-Affirmative reply
- 37-Greek god of love
- 39-Check
- 40-Covering for the foot
- 43-Prefix. Thrice
- 45-Ieland in inland waters

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

STAMPS OF THE MOMENT
KING EDWARD VIII

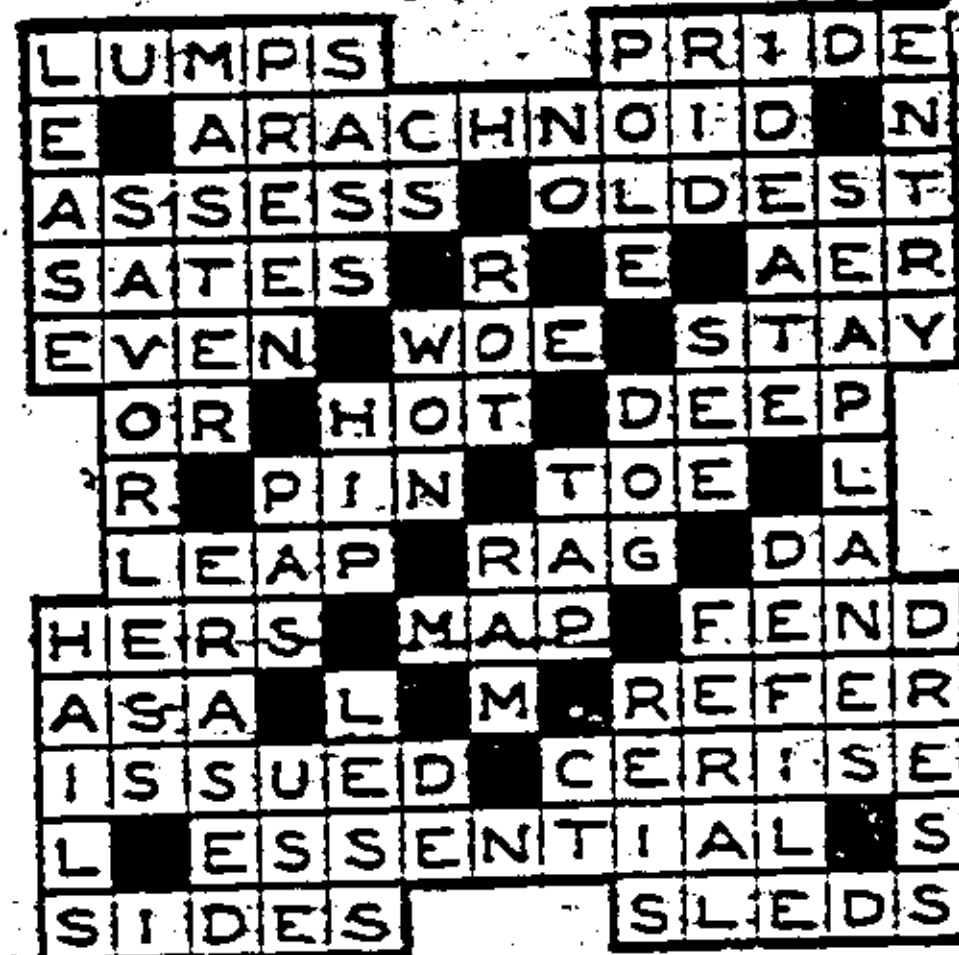
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



GENERAL NOTICES

HONG KONG FOOTBALL
ASSOCIATION.

INTERPORT

HONG KONG v. SHANGHAI
on the
Navy Ground, Causeway Bay,
3.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11th.

Prices of admission: \$2.20-\$1.10.
Bookings at Messrs. Moutries and
The China Emporium from 1st
February, 1937.

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Notice to Shareholders.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on **FRIDAY**, the 5th February, 1937, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1936.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from **FRIDAY**, the 29th January, 1937, to **FRIDAY**, the 5th February, 1937, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. CRAPNELL,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 22nd January, 1937.

HONG KONG/STRAITS
FREIGHT CONFERENCE.

Foreign Shippers.

NOTICE is hereby given that as from the 1st MARCH, 1937, rates of freight from Hong Kong to Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham (direct, and via Singapore) will be increased 20% over current rates.

Schedules showing tariff rates as from the 1st MARCH, 1937, are now in course of preparation and will be issued shortly.

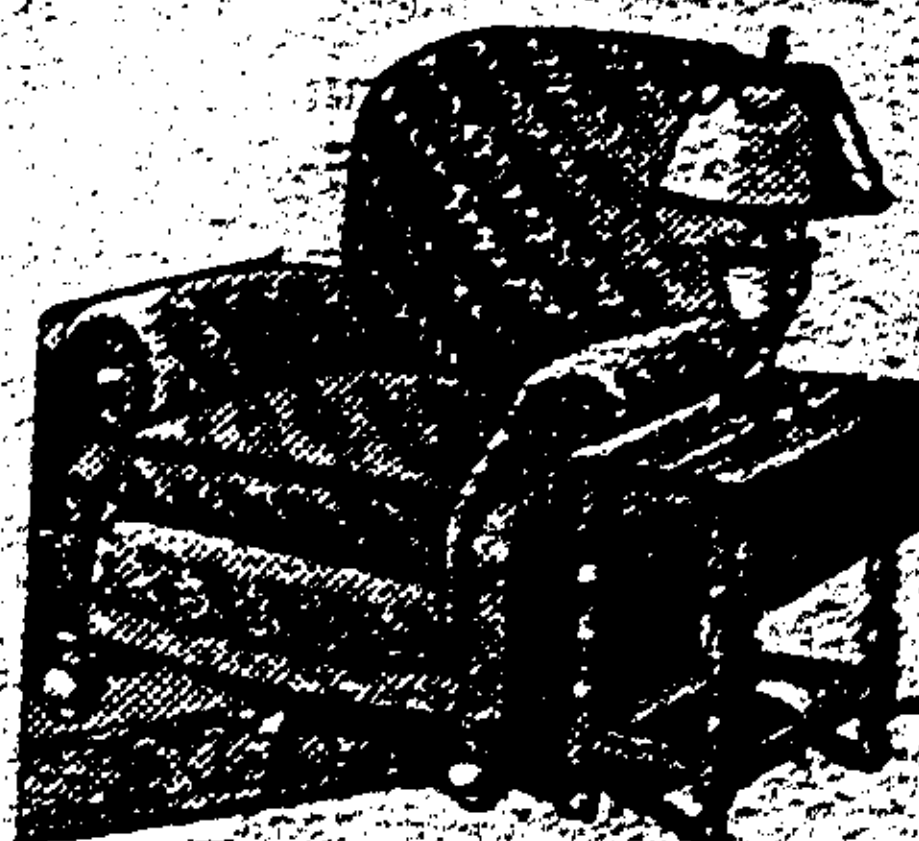
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Hong Kong, 1st February, 1937.

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AUSTRALIA COLLAPSE ON BRADMAN'S DISMISSAL

Four Wickets Fall For Eleven Runs

ENGLAND SET 392 RUNS TO WIN

BRADMAN GETS A
DOUBLE CENTURY

FINE PLAY BEFORE
LUNCH

Adelaide, To-day.
England require 392
runs on a wearing wicket to win the Ashes.

This morning's play was full of incident, a brilliant throw-in from 60 yards by Barnett causing Gregory downfall after a stand of 135 runs and commencing the Australian collapse—their remaining 6 wickets fell for only 92 runs.

Don Bradman scored 212 in 437 minutes to register his eleventh Test Century against England—Jack Hobbs holds the record of twelve—and thus improve on his own record of four double centuries, excluding two treble centuries! Bradman scored his 212 out of 401. Four wickets fell after lunch for eleven runs.

WICKET WEARING

A crowd of 20,000 was present in sultry and cloudy weather when Bradman (174) and Gregory (36) resumed Australia's innings at 341 for 4 this morning on a wicket that was showing signs of wear.

With the game safe for Australia, Bradman opened up very vigorously, but he nearly played on when facing Farnes's first over.

The pair added 31 runs before Gregory was run out by Barnett who threw down the wicket from 60 yards. 372—5—50.

Gregory batted for three hours and hit one boundary and took part in a stand of 135.

BRADMAN OUT

Bradman and Chipperfield then raised the fourth century after 466 minutes, but 22 runs later Bradman, who had completed his 200 after 424 minutes, was deceived by Hammond's change of pace with the new ball and was caught and bowled. 422—6—212.

Bradman, who batted for 437 minutes and hit 14 boundaries, played the greatest innings of his



Don Bradman, the incomparable, puts one away to the boundary.

SEÑOR CABALLERO'S HUMOUR

Berlin, To-day.

An "untimely jest" is the description applied by the "Deutsche Diplomatische Politische Korrespondenz" to the statement by Señor Largo Caballero, Premier of the Valencia Government in "Parliament."

Señor Caballero declared that the Valencia Government would consent to the territory held by the Burgos Government being placed under the proposed system of supervision.

The "Korrespondenz" attacks the statement by saying that it may throw back the work of the non-intervention committee in London, and again stresses the necessity of confining the civil war to Spain—Trans-Ocean.

KAMCHUK RAPID DISASTER

Manager Reported
Detained

Canton, To-day.

The Canton Government has detained the manager, Mr. Chen Shao-chuan, and the properties of the Kung Sheung Shipping Co., owners of the Man Chuk Ferry, owing to the disaster at the Kamchuk Rapid. It is learned that Mr. Chen will be handed over to the Canton District Court for legal procedure.

career, clearly revealing that he is becoming more patient and orthodox.

Lunch was taken at this total, Chipperfield being 28.

COLLAPSE

The remaining four wickets fell during the first half hour after lunch for the addition of only 11 runs, the Australian innings closing for 433.

England now requires 392 to win the fourth Test and the "Ashes."

England won the first Test by an innings and 22 runs and the second by 322 runs, while Australia won the third by 365 runs.

Eleven Centuries

Here is Bradman's amazing Test century record against England:

- 324 at Leeds, 1930.
- 304 at Leeds, 1934.
- 270 at Melbourne, 1936-7.
- 254 at Lord's, 1930.
- 244 at the Oval, 1934.
- 232 at the Oval, 1930.
- 212 at Adelaide, 1936-7.
- 131 at Nottingham, 1930.
- 123 at Melbourne, 1928-9.
- 112 at Melbourne, 1928-9.
- 103 at Melbourne, 1932-3.

* indicates not out.

THE SCORES

Australia 288
England 330

AUSTRALIA—2nd Innings

J. H. Fingleton, b.w., b. Hammond 12
W. A. Brown, c. Ames, b. Voce 32
D. G. Bradman, c. and b. Hammond 212
S. J. McCabe, c. Wyatt, b. Robbins 55
K. Rigg, c. Hammond, b. Farnes 7
R. Gregory, run out 50
A. G. Chipperfield, not out 28
Extras 26

Total (for 6 wickets) (lunch) 422

Fall of the wickets: 1 (Fingleton) for 21; 2 (Brown) for 88; 3 (McCabe) for 197; 4 (Rigg) for 237; 5 (Gregory) for 372; 6 (Bradman) 422.

Later: Australia 433 all out.—Reuter.

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A sit-down striker in one of the Fisher factories has telegraphed to Governor Frank Murphy: "We have decided to stay in the plants. We have no delusions about the sacrifices which the decision entails and we fully expect that if a violent effort is made to oust us many of us will be killed." Union headquarters say that Mr. Murphy as red them that troops will not be used to eject the strikers by force.—Reuter.

TEA. ENGLAND, 55 for 2.

LA PASSIONATA RETURNS TO SPAIN

Paris, To-day.

The General Secretary of the French Communist Party, M. Maurice Thorez, has arrived in Barcelona accompanied by the Communist Deputy, M. Dutileul.

After being received by Señor Companys, M. Thorez addressed a mass meeting yesterday evening. On the platform was the "romantic" Spanish woman Leftist, "La Passionata."

According to a report appearing in "Le Jour," a group of French politicians will follow the example of British Members of Parliament and will pay a visit to the war areas. They are due to arrive at Barcelona to-day.—Trans-Ocean.

"BOY" WHO HAD REACHED END OF HIS TETHER

A successful appeal for leniency was made by Mr. Eldon Potter on behalf of his office boy Pau Kou, aged 23, who was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning with the theft of \$350 while in the employ of Mr. E. Potter. The boy tried to cover the theft by alleging he had been robbed and stabbed by an unknown Chinese.

Inspector A. E. Carey said defendant was given a cheque for \$350 to cash. At a quarter past twelve he was found in Prince's Building lying face downwards, with three wounds on his left chest and two wounds on the leg. A few yards away a pocket knife was found. A doctor was immediately sent for and his wounds dressed. Defendant said he was pushed into the lavatory, stabbed and robbed. Defendant was admitted to the G.C.H. and discharged yesterday.

Later he confessed that he had injured himself. The money he had concealed in a cupboard.

Mr. E. Potter said the case was one where justice could be tempered with mercy. Defendant had been in his employ for over 15 years, ever since he was a boy. He had been in the habit of cashing cheques for a long while and there had never been anything wrong. After the incident, Mr. Potter found

that defendant had been supporting a grandmother, his mother and two unemployed brothers besides his wife and children. He had reached breaking point and gone wrong. In view of his past record Mr. Potter asked that he be given a chance.

Mr. Potter said he was willing to sign a bond on defendant's behalf. Mr. Schofield agreed, but said he would require another from a relative or friend.

Defendant was remanded for 24 hours in Police custody for a security to be found.

Mr. Potter paid a tribute to the Police, and especially to Inspector A. E. Carey, for the speed in which a solution was found.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

ENTRIES close on SATURDAY, 6th February at 5 p.m. Tournament commences MONDAY, 1st March.

A. K. MACKENZIE,

Hon. Secretary.

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